

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: PHIL BART;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 3-1-50

There are being transmitted herewith, for your information, two photographs of a check, dated 7-7-49, issued by the CP of Western Pennsylvania (District 5, CP), drawn on the Potter Title & Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., payable to the captioned subject in the amount of \$40.00.

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There are transmitted herewith, for your information, two photographs of a check, dated 8-19-49, issued by the CP of Western Pennsylvania (District 5, CP) drawn on the Potter Title & Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., payable to the subject in the amount of \$40.

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There are being transmitted herewith, for your information, photographs of checks drawn on the Potter Title & Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., issued by District 5, CP, payable to the captioned subject in the total amount of \$80.

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TO: SAC

DATE: FEB 27 1950

FROM: SA JAMES E. HELMER

SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST PARTY USA DISTRICT #3  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On December 29, 1949 Special Agent HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE and the writer obtained a report from CNDI [ ] with reference to [ ] having attended the City Wide Conference of the Communist Party, Philadelphia, held December 18, 1949 at 1307 North 7th Street, Philadelphia. Pertinent parts of informant's report will be quoted. Instant meeting according to informant was attended by:

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RUTH SCHMIDT KAPLAN  
LEON TESSLER  
JAMES STOREY  
JOE KUZMA  
CONNIE BART  
AUGUSTA STRONG

WALTER LOWENFELS  
HANS BOETTCHER  
ANNA BOETTCHER  
TOMMY CHILDS  
JOH (John) CARR  
TOM PRTOFOSKY

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100-33143 Negro Question  
100-1502-2016 West of Broad Section  
100-31723 CP Organization  
100-15022022 Delaware Co. Section  
100-4400 Southeast Pa. Section  
100-1502-1955 4th Congressional Dist.  
61-123 Lehigh Valley Section  
100-9973 NAACP  
100-33146 Farmers  
100-20971 RUTH SCHMIDT KAPLAN  
100-21717 LEON TESSLER  
100-30556 JAMES STOREY  
100-3658 JOE KUZMA  
100-31282 CONNIE BART  
100-34675 AUGUSTA STRONG  
61-80 MOTHER BLOOR  
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65-1456 WALTER LOWENFELS  
100-19206 HANS BOETTCHER  
100-19632 ANNA BOETTCHER  
100-33998 TOMMY CHILDS  
100-32743 BOB KLONSKY  
100-5822 BEN WEISS  
100-23953 JESSIE SCHNEIDERMAN  
100-33054 BETTY GANNETT  
100-7800 ED STRONG  
100-29189 IRVIN "CHICK" KATZ  
100-6421 BILL BROCKMON  
100-34061 BILL CRAWFORD  
100-34254 SANDY BURLIN  
100-28841 FRANCES GABO  
100-33999 HAROLD ALLEN  
100-33218 JEAN HOOD  
100-27727 HIRSH DAVIS  
100-22157 PHIL BART  
100-21700 EUGENE PETRYK

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The writer was unable to identify the names JOHN CARR or TOM PRTOFOSKY in the indices of this office.

On January 29, 1950 informant verbally furnished the following information concerning the identity of JOHN CARR and TOM PRTOFOSKY.

JOHN CARR was described as being between 35 and 40 years of age, negro, six feet tall, weighed 165 pounds, dark complexion, black close cropped hair, brown eyes, broad nose.

TOM PRTOFOSKY was described as Russian or Jewish, age 40 to 50 years, wore glasses, short slender build, five feet four inches or five feet five inches in height, weighed 150 to 145 pounds.

The names of JOHN CARR and TOM PRTOFOSKY are being indexed to this memorandum.

According to informant, "BOB KLOSKY called the meeting to order. He said this was a conference for all leaders in the City as well as other Eastern Pennsylvania Communist leaders, to put forth the program and role of the Communist Party for the coming year. The agenda read as follows: Electing a chairman for the conference, the program of the Party - to be discussed by BOB (KLONSKY), open discussion, report by BEN WEIS, press report by J. SCHNIDERMAN, BETTY GANNETT, summary by ED STRONG. He, (KLONSKY) proposed CHICK KATZ, who is literature director for the district, for chairman. The members agreed (around 120 leaders were present). The meeting was officially under way.

"BOB (KLONSKY) was the first speaker. He spoke on the role and work of Reds for the coming year. He emphasized the infiltration of Party members into non-Communist organizations. This he stated was known as building the 'united front'. This then is the chief role they are to play. He also stressed that members working in non-Communist movements, must not lose ties with the Party. Their work, he said, was to lay the ground work for the understanding of Marxist methods and to carry the program of the Communist into these groups. Also sell The Worker. He warned again and again, in the building of the 'united front', party members should not become buried

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"in these groups, but no leaders and apply the needs of the people and the struggle in conjunction with the Party's program.

"He stressed recruiting people who were active in mass organizations, people who had large contacts. This way the movement would involve more people indirectly. He warned not to try and force the Communist way down the non-Communist group throats. He said tact, teaching and deeds would bring the people around to their way of thinking. For instance, he said, Communists working in the Civil Rights Committee for the freedom of BYARD JENKINS were in the fore front of that fight, and in so doing had been able to recruit several people for the Party. The same held true for the 'Fronton Six Committee'. While Communists did not form these committees, they are the fighting forces, he said for the negro's rights in each case.

"Again he stressed the importance of the 'united front'. This in any way of thinking seems to be the Party's chief aim, building the 'united front'. They are excited about it and it is on every Communist tongue. They are discussing it in the national headquarters, the city districts, the sections and everywhere. Build the 'united front' is their slogan. The open discussion that followed seemed to bear out my reasoning. After BOB (KLONSKY) finished speaking the floor was thrown open for discussion. Speakers were allotted seven minutes each. The first person to get the floor was a BILL BROCKMAN from the Broad Street Section. He asked for more help from the District to maintain the gains they had made in that Section.

"BILL CRAWFORD, Section Organizer, from West Chester, Pa., was next. He told of his work in N.A.A.C.P. and in the 'united front with Santa', as he phrased it. He said by this he meant they were (the Communists) in conjunction with other organizations directing an Xmas party for children of the neighborhood. After this he planned numerous programs with non-Communist groups.

"Next person to speak was a student from William and Mary College in Virginia. He was introduced as SANDY (BERLIN). He told about the importance of the 'united front'. He told of HENRY WALLACE coming to Norfolk to speak, of the Chief of Police saying he (WALLACE) would not speak unless to a segregated audience. SANDY being a good Communist felt something must be done about this. He together with a number of his friends went to

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"Virginis State College and interested students as well as the faculty in fighting the people's view. Consequently he said, WALLACE did come and did speak. The group of students numbered 90 and became ushers for the meeting. They succeeded in seating white and colored along together. Thus the first non-segregated meeting was held in Norfolk. He (SANDY) related that as a result of this the newly organized group became permanent and intended to remain so. He warned Communists not to try and dominate in the beginning, because these tactics may cause you to find yourself kicked right out of the mass organization entirely. In other words use these non-suspecting people to carry on the Communist work. Next a woman called FRANCES (GABO?), - - - - Section Organizer in the Strawberry Mansion area - - - - urged the building of the 'united front'. HAROLD ADAMS (should be HAROLD ALLEN) a very young negro lad leader from the Youth League spoke. He asked the district to do something about the plight of this league in regards to its Party ties. He said that they were doing good work but had no guidance from the Party. He wanted a meeting with the district to see what their future role would be in reference to the 'united front'. Then came JEAN HOOD, second wife of BILL HOOD, she reiterated the importance of the 'united front'. A new recruit in person of a negro man from South Philadelphia took the floor. He has been president of a new club in the South Philadelphia area. He spoke of a social affair planned after the holidays, to raise funds for the Party. He spoke of a condemned apartment house, housing from twenty families. He has succeeded with the help of BOB (KLONSKY) to establish a Housing Committee using most of the people involved to fight for the fixing of this place. He also told us, that when it rains some people living in that area had to go to friend's home to keep dry. The holes in the roofes are numerous. - - - - this man's name is HIRSH DAVIS. The club started with five people, in less than a month they had 15. He admitted that most of these were recruits from the apartment house. The crowd warmly applauded DAVIS and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

"Then CHICK KATS introduced BEN ADAMS who gave a summary of his work in fighting against taxes imposed on Philadelphians. He also urged the comrades to unite with other organizations to overthrow the corrupt Republican machine. He said it wasn't so much who the candidates were, but it would matter that these candidates once elected must be made to work for the welfare of the people and this could be done only by a strong 'united front'.

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"Then BETTY GANNETT, Assistant Secretary of the National Committee was introduced. She spoke on the 'united front', the plot of Wall Street to get rid of the leadership of the Party. She said they failed as Wall Street would fail again and again to try to stop the Communist movement. She said the Party with the aid of the people would move forward to victory. She stressed building the Party as well as the 'united front'. She said, without the Party there would be no 'united front'. Although she was disappointed with recruiting, this year showed a slight increase throughout the country. She then read a letter from the National Committee to the City District, asking the city district to make ED STRONG permanent chairman of the Eastern Chapter of Pennsylvania in place of PHIL BART who is being called to New York to work as understudy, if the leaders were jailed permanently or for any length of time. She (GANNETT) said that BART was only one from various sections in the country who was being trained for national leadership. The letter was signed by EUGENE DENNIS. She said the City Director had approved the selection wholeheartedly as she hoped the leaders from the various sections that were present today would do. Everyone in the room stood and applauded to show their feeling for ED (STRONG), and to approve the National Committee's and District's choice. She praised ED's work in the Party and also PHIL BART's work. After this a five minutes recess was granted.

"On resumption of the conference the informant advised that (IRVIN) KATZ said due to the lateness some of the agenda would be cancelled. A few reports were given by people, one of them DIANE TYSON from York, a guy named JEAN (EUGENE PETRYK) from the Lehigh Section and of course MOTHER BLOOR.

"She (MOTHER BLOOR) berated the leaders and speakers for not having tied the farmers in with the building of the 'united front'. She said in Allentown where she lived, they were doing a wonderful job with the farmers as far as recruiting and selling The Worker was concerned. She told of the young Slav- farmers being recruited. She told the leadership to keep its eye on Buck's County because they intended to have a Slavic Club working in the near future.

"PHIL BART then gave his farewell address, outlining the work the comrades must do in order to help ED STRONG in his new role. He stressed registration and of course the 'united front'.

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"JESSIE SCHNIDERMAN spoke on the press, lashing out at clubs that were slow in getting subscriptions. She set a goal of 600 subs by January 28, 1950. She criticized the woman from Strawberry Mansion for saying that she had raised the subs from 15 to 60 saying most of them were already members, that she wished to reach non-Communists through the press.

"ED STRONG gave the summary. He as everyone else urged the building of 'united front'. He said things were moving rapidly and the Party must be ready to move also. He said if events in China were any forecast, then Mr. TRUMAN would be looking for a new home or headquarters. He (STRONG) said it was false to say the Communists advocated the overthrow of the Government by force or by shooting our chief or members of congress. He said, the Communists through the understanding of the people, through the united front would decide on who would be their loaders. He said he didn't expect TRUMAN to be looking for headquarters in 1950. BETTY GEMETT broke in from the side lines saying 'not that we wouldn't like to see it.' ED (STRONG) agreed but again repeated that if things moved as fast as in China then it wouldn't be long.

"He (STRONG) also urged the selling of the press and the reading of more literature and less meetings. He said during his administration he intended to show the comrades that quality instead of quantity in meetings was more important.

"BOB KLOSKY pointed out that the appointment of ED STRONG should be brought to the attention of the public especially the negroes, Communist and non-Communist. He said this should lead to strengthening the party's position in mass negro organizations. He also suggested that January be used as a get acquainted month with ED STRONG. That throughout the city banquets should be given, parties and dinners by various sections and ED STRONG as a guest speaker. The last point was was motions.

- "1. Build the united front
2. 600 subs by January 28th.
3. Recruiting 100 new members by January 18th.
4. Registration of all members completed by January 15th.

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Motions approved by leadership.

Comments were many because there was no representation from the "Synnfield Clubs".

A person described as HAROLD ADAMS was determined, from description given by informant, to be in reality HAROLD ALLEN.

The individuals known as SANDY, FRANCES and JEAN, from descriptive information furnished by informant have been determined to be SANDY BERLIN, FRANCES GABOR and EUGENE PETRYK.

All names appearing in parenthesis have been added by the writer, after determining from informant that these were the persons meant by her, for purpose of clarifying this report.

The files of this office contain two references to a DIANA TYSON, which references appear to be identical with the DIANE TYSON mentioned in this memorandum. These references are as follows:

61-81-1-B-68-12. New York [ ] advised Special Agent H. P. LARSON and Special Employee A. E. FALLER on October 6, 1949 that DIANE TYSON born in 1916, member of IWO Lodge #97, York, Pa.

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100-91-1B-68-72. Informant [ ] Street, York, Pa., advised Special Agent H. C. CARROLL, date not stated but presumably on or about May 26, 1948 that DIANE TYSON opened a meeting of the Spanish Anti-Refugee Fund sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee held at the Womens Club, 226 East Market Street, York, Pa., on May 6, 1948, by singing America.

It is suggested that a case be opened on DIANE TYSON.

The report of ONDI [ ] on the aforementioned meeting is being placed as an exhibit in the informant's file.

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : *WY* SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, wa.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
New York File #100-56679

DATE: March 3, 1950

There is being forwarded as an enclosure to this letter a copy of a report from Philadelphia CNDI   who is of known reliability. This report furnishes information concerning the subject of this letter. The report is self explanatory.

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The above is submitted for your information.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Pittsburgh

PHILIP BART, was.  
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Re New York tel to Pittsburgh, 2-7-50, advising of this subject's trip to Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and Pittsburgh tel to Bureau and New York, 2-8-50, advising the purpose of this subject's presence in this division.

It was ascertained that the subject upon his arrival in Pittsburgh obtained a room at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 10th Street and Penn Avenue, subsequently checking out of this hotel at 10:30 AM, February 8, 1950. It was ascertained from Mr. HOWARD CALDWELL, Assistant Manager, Fort Pitt Hotel, that BART made no outgoing telephone calls.

Pittsburgh CNDI PI-10, of known reliability, on February 8, 1950, advised SE [ ] that PHIL BART, who just came to Pittsburgh from New York, visited CP, District Five, headquarters on February 8, 1950. This informant advised that during BART'S visit at Party headquarters he held a lengthy discussion with WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, District Five, CP. The major portion of this discussion was concerned with the "Worker" circulation in the Western Pennsylvania District of the CP; the coal mining situation with regard to the coal strikes; and how to bring the Communist Party to the coal miners. Also during this discussion BART mentioned that with regard to changes in the national office setup (of the CP-USA) JOE goes out; GUS is to go to New York; ANDY (ONDA) is to go to Ohio; and STELLA is going into the Literature Department. Informant advised that in answering a question put forth by WILLIAM ALBERTSON concerning who was to pay for the "Worker" and "Daily Worker" newspapers that were being given out free to the coal miners BART answered that the Cultural Section of the Party was to pay for this distribution.

Informant stated that BART advised that he had at one time lived at 2200 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., in the year 1932.

On February 8, 1950, Pittsburgh CNDI PI-9, of known reliability, advised SA JOSEPH R. MARZALEK on this same date that PHIL BART had made reservations and had planned to leave Pittsburgh at 6:15 PM on February 8, 1950, traveling by bus to Charleston, W. Va., where he was to meet with IRVING WEISSMAN, Chairman, CP, District 22.

On February 7, 1950, Pittsburgh CNDI [ ] of known reliability, orally 2 cc: New York, Philadelphia, Pgh 100-8571 and 100-9115

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advised SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF, Pittsburgh Division, that IRVING WEISSMAN, Chairman, CP, District 22, called a special meeting of CP members in Charleston, W. Va., on February 6, 1950, and that during this meeting WEISSMAN announced that PHILIP BART was coming to Charleston, W. Va., from the CP National Headquarters in New York City for the sole purpose of assisting the coal miners in West Virginia. A CP meeting was called for February 9, 1950, for the purpose of having all West Virginia CP members meet with BART who was to outline the CP's activities among the striking coal miners.

ORNY [ ] reported that BART arrived in Charleston, W. Va., at 2 AM on February 9, 1950, whereupon he immediately went to the home of IRVING WEISSMAN, 3418 Virginia Avenue, remaining there the rest of that night and most of that same day so that he could fully discuss the conditions of the CP in West Virginia with IRVING WEISSMAN.

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On February 10, 1950, Informant [ ] orally advised SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF that a CP meeting was held at 8 PM on February 9, 1950, at the home of Major VEASLEY (CP member) 1324 Washington Street, East Charleston, W. Va. BART and eight other CP members attended this meeting which was called to discuss the coal miners situation and to plan the action the CP should take in helping the coal miners. During this meeting the subject, speaking to those present, stated that the (coal) miners must, and will, win this fight. BART stated that the members of the Party must be present in the coal fields continually in order to secure subscriptions for the "Worker" and also new CP members. BART said the Party will permit the miners to receive the "Worker" on credit and to join the "Party" without paying the required dues. After the coal miners strike is settled the miners can then pay the CP their membership dues and/or subscription payments a little at a time until they are even with the Party. In this way, BART said, the Party will build up its membership and become stronger than ever. BART said that he felt that the area surrounding Cabin Creek, W. Va., (a concentrated coal mining area) was the best section of "West Virginia, in which to start their concentrated activities; that a minimum of twenty-five new (CP) recruits and fifty "Worker" subscriptions should be obtained while the coal miners were still on strike; and that in order to achieve this number Party members must continually contact the miners and "flood" them with CP literature. BART offered CP national resources for use in aiding the coal miners and stated that anything that was necessary to build CP good will must

be done. Informant stated that BART ended his speech by stating that "some years ago it was felt that we would have to go over and help the Chinese. Now they will come over and help us in our fight to establish a true government of the people in America."

On February 11, 1950, informant [ ] reported that IRVING WEISSMAN and PHILIP BART traveled to Fairmont, W. Va. No meetings were scheduled in Fairmont because of the secrecy of the contacts, but instead two or three individuals were to meet with BART and WEISSMAN in their car to discuss the coal miners' situation. b7D

Informant advised that before leaving for Fairmont, BART said the longer the miners are on strike the more opportunity there will be to obtain new recruits, therefore, unrest should be stirred up among the miners so that the strike will be prolonged as long as possible thus giving a better opportunity to build the Party among the coal miners.

On February 13, 1950, Pittsburgh OMDI [ ] of known reliability, advised SA THOMAS J. ALLEN that PHIL BART had been in Charleston, W. Va., contacting CP members who in turn were contacting officials of the UMW locals urging them not to permit the coal miners to return to the mines. Informant [ ] advised that the coal miners were also urged to resist the enforcement of the Taft-Hartley Act. b7D

[ ] advised that PHIL BART and IRVING WEISSMAN contacted CP members at Fairmont and Manington, W. Va., on February 11, 1950, instructing these Party members to present the CP ideas to the various UMW locals. Informant stated that BART, WEISSMAN, and RALPH and IVA ORTH as well as other CP members contacted coal miners in the Cabin Creek, W. Va., area on February 12, 1950. This same informant advised that during a conversation with BART the latter mentioned that he had been in the Party for many years, having previously worked in Indiana where he used Indianapolis, Indiana, as his base. BART informed the informant that his, BART'S, wife had been working for a long time for the Veterans Administration covering the majority of the Kentucky and Indiana area.

It is pointed out at this time that during a portion of BART'S stay in West Virginia [ ] b7D

[ ]. It is requested that should this information be incorporated in an investigative report, suitable paraphrasing be used to protect the identity of this informant.

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Informant [ ] reported that BART left Charleston, W. Va., on February 13, 1950, allegedly enroute to Pittsburgh, Pa. Informant stated that BART said he had been expected to stay in West Virginia at least a week to ten days but because of the small number of miners in West Virginia (who were also CP members) he believed he could do more good in Pittsburgh because there were more coal miners (who were also members of the CP) available to talk to. Informant [ ] stated that BART was disappointed and somewhat disgusted with the reception he received in West Virginia principally because there were not many West Virginia coal miners who were members of the CP to work with in connection with the coal strike.

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Informant [ ] subsequently advised that BART left Charleston, W. Va., on February 13, 1950, to return to New York City.

Copies of this communication are designated for the New York and Philadelphia Offices since it is not known at the present time which office is the office of origin in this case.

It is requested that if any of the foregoing information is incorporated in an investigative report, appropriate paraphrasing be used so as to conceal the identity of the informants mentioned herein.

## ROBERTS LEAVES WORKER; PHIL BART NEW MANAGER

The management of the Daily Worker and The Worker announced that Joseph Roberts is leaving his position of general manager of our paper to assume other responsibilities in the working-class movement. We wish him the best of luck in his new work, confident that his great organizing ability and devotion to the cause of peace and progress will enable him to equal elsewhere his fine contribution to the growth of our Paper.

At the same time the management of the Daily Worker is happy to announce Phil Bart will take over the position of general manager.

Active for over 25 years in the labor and Communist movement, Bart has helped to found and build trade unions in many parts of the country. He has held leading Communist Party posts in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana and comes to us after serving as chairman of the Party in Eastern Pennsylvania.

We are confident Phil Bart will have the full cooperation of our readers and the progressive movement in his efforts to make 1950 a banner year in circulation growth of The Worker and Daily Worker.

John Gates, editor-in-chief

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: March 21, 1950

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: PHIL BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 4, 1950, an anonymous source, of known reliability, furnished this office with a transfer form indicating that BART was being transferred from the Germantown Section at Philadelphia, Pa., to New York State, at 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

It was further indicated that his dues were paid through December, 1949, and that he was registered.

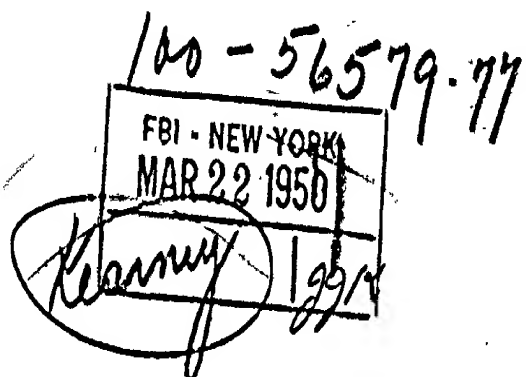
Two photographic copies of this transfer form are transmitted herewith for your information.

PJH:ams  
100-22152  
Enclosure

*See exhibit 1a<sup>6</sup>*

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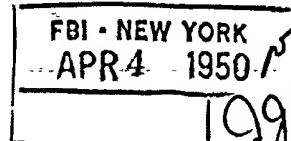
Memo:

100-56579-79

RE: PHILIP BART, was.

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The following listed index references have been previously reported or incorporated in the report of Mr. John J. Kearney dated 4/1/50 when found pertinent.

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It is requested that the foregoing  
references be consolidated in the index.

SA John J. Hearn.

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# HOLLYWOOD

By DAVID PLATT

## Eagle-Lion Upset Because This Paper Rejected Pro-War Film Ads

Last week, Eagle-Lion Films submitted three advertisements to the Business Office of the Daily Worker plugging its pro-war film *Guilty Of Treason*. (See review by Jose Yglesias elsewhere on this page.)

When the Business Office rejected the ads, the movie company charged in a press release that the paper had violated freedom of the press. They said the ads had been accepted by all other New York newspapers.



It is true that the Daily Worker rejects advertising for red-baiting, war-mongering, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic films and that such ads are accepted by all other big newspapers. Unlike them, the Daily Worker would no more think of accepting such ads than we would think of accepting ads for scab-made products from companies and organizations that are on strike and are being picketed.

As Phil Bart, General Manager of the Daily Worker informed Eagle-Lion: "We reserve the right to reject any advertisement which we consider detrimental to the policies which we support."

In respect to advertising, Daily Worker policy is the same as that of all other papers except we don't pretend to hide the fact that we reject ads injurious to labor and the nation. Other papers reject all kinds of advertising openly, at the same time posing as defenders of freedom of the press.

Only the other day, to cite one instance, the New York Post rejected an ad for a memorial meeting for Franklin Delano Roosevelt because the speakers included Ted O. Thackery, former editor of the Post, now editor and publisher of The Compass; Arthur Miller, author of *Death Of A Salesman*, and W.E.B. Du Bois, the distinguished Negro leader.

It is only when the Daily Worker rejects an ad for a poisonous commodity like *Guilty Of Treason* that the charge of violation of freedom of press is raised.

That the offering of the ads to the Daily Worker was nothing but an Eagle-Lion publicity stunt to win attention to a film which did poorly even in predominantly Catholic neighborhoods out of town is shown by two facts:

1. This is the first ad Eagle-Lion has tried to place with the Daily Worker in years.
2. The Daily Worker was the only paper in New York that was considered for advertising space in advance of the opening of the picture.

They knew only too well that the ads for this dangerously pro-war film would be rejected.

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TITLE PHILIP BART, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject moved from 900 Pine St., Philadelphia to 263 Atkins Ave., Brooklyn, NY on 11/15/49. BART relieved as District Organizer of CP, USA, District #3, to come to National Headquarters for training as a national leader of the CP. Worked as leader of Defense Campaign, helped direct and organize CP strategy in connection with the coal strike in Pittsburgh and West Virginia. Presently General Manager of the "Daily Worker".

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Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
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## DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that PHIL BART had moved from 900 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 15, 1949, to 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that PHIL BART was presently residing at 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the subject had been relieved of his duties as District Organizer of District #3, Communist Party, USA, and was taking a position with the National Organization of the Communist Party, USA. BART also told this Informant that he had been in Philadelphia since December 1, 1945.

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On May 27, 1949, Confidential Informant T-3 stated that BART was going to New York City for a period of several months, on a weekly basis, to assist in the work of the defense of the 12 Communist Party leaders who had been indicted in the Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act.

On October 18, 1949, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that PHIL BART was in charge of the Defense Campaign for the Communist leaders and was handling the publication program for this campaign.

On December 29, 1949, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that a City Wide Conference of the Communist Party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was held on the 18th of December at 1307 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This Informant advised that BETTY GANNETT, Assistant Secretary of the National Committee, read a letter from the National Committee to the City District. This letter stated that BART was being called to New York City to work as an understudy, if the leaders are jailed permanently or for any length of time. She (GANNETT) stated that BART was only one from various sections in the country who were being trained for national leadership.

On January 25, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4 advised that the subject was going to go to Boston on January 28, 29 and 30, for the purpose of reorganizing the shop clubs of the Communist Party in that vicinity.

On January 9, 1950, this same Informant stated that BETTY GANNETT had informed that PHIL BART would make a tour of a number of districts of the Communist Party not only to study the clubs but especially to make a survey of the shop clubs.

On February 7, 1950, Confidential Informant T-4 reported that PHIL BART had received an urgent request to be in West Virginia by February 9, 1950. This Informant stated that PHIL BART had planned to meet with BILL ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, District #5, Communist Party, USA.

On February 8, 1950, Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, stated that BART had arrived in Pittsburgh on that day and intended to go to Charleston, West Virginia the following day. At Charleston, he would attend the special meeting, at which time he intended to outline the Communist Party strategy in connection with the coal strike. BART was

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then supposed to organize the distribution of clothing, food, and supplies, to the striking miners and their families. The Informant stated it was the Party's intention to gain the miners' sympathy and thereby obtain new Communist Party recruits.

On February 8, 1950, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that during BART'S visit at Party Headquarters in Pittsburgh, he held a lengthy discussion with WILLIAM ALBERTSON. The major portion of this discussion was concerned with the "Worker" circulation in the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party and the coal mining situation with regard to the coal strike, as well as the question of how to bring the Communist Party to the coal miners. BART was reported to have stated that the Cultural Section of the Party intended to pay for the distribution of the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" newspapers which were given out free to the striking coal miners.

On February 7, 1950, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that a special meeting of the Communist Party members in Charleston, West Virginia was called on February 6, 1950, and during the meeting the announcement was made that PHIL BART was coming to Charleston for the sole purpose of assisting coal miners in West Virginia. Another meeting was called for February 9, 1950 for the purpose of having all West Virginia Communist Party members meet with BART, who was supposed to outline the Communist Party's activities among the striking coal miners.

On February 10, 1950, this Informant reported that BART spoke at a meeting, stating that the coal miners must and will win the strike. BART stated that the members of the Party must be present in the coal fields continually in order to secure subscriptions for the "Worker" and also to recruit new Communist Party members. BART further added that the Party should permit the miners to receive the "Worker" on credit as well as to join the Party without paying their required dues. After the coal strike is settled the miners would repay the Party for the copies of the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" as well as pay up their back dues until they were even with the Party. In this way, a little at a time, the Party would build up its membership and become stronger than ever. BART stated that the Party members must continually contact the striking miners and flood them with Communist Party literature. BART offered Communist Party national resources for use in aiding the coal miners and stated that anything that was necessary to build Communist Party good will must be done. This Informant reported that BART ended his speech by stating that "Some years ago it was felt that we would have to go and help the Chinese. Now they will come over and help us in our fight to establish a true government of the people in America."

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On February 11, 1950, Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that he saw BART in Fairmont, West Virginia. According to this Informant, no meetings were scheduled in Fairmont, but instead two or three individuals would meet with BART in his car to discuss the coal miners situation. BART was reported to have said that the longer the miners are out on strike the more opportunity there will be to obtain new recruits for the Party and, therefore, unrest should be stirred up among the miners so that the strike will be prolonged as long as possible, thus giving a better opportunity to build the Party among the coal miners.

On February 13, 1950, Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, stated that PHIL BART had been in Charleston, West Virginia, contacting Communist Party members who, in turn, were contacting officials of the UMW locals urging them not to permit the coal miners to return to the mines. This Informant further advised that the miners were being urged to resist the enforcement of the Taft-Hartley Act.

According to Confidential Informant T-6, BART returned to New York City on February 13, 1950 rather disappointed and somewhat disgusted with the reception he had received in West Virginia principally because there were not many coal miners who were members of the Communist Party to work with in connection with the coal strike.

The March 26, 1950 issue of "The Worker", page 4, column 2, East Coast Communist Sunday newspaper, in an article states that "The Management of the 'Daily Worker' is happy to announce that PHIL BART will take over the position of general manager. Active for over 25 years in the labor and Communist movement, BART has helped to form and build trade unions in many parts of the country. He has held leading Communist Party posts in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana and comes to us after serving as Chairman of the Party in Eastern Pennsylvania."

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, N. Y.:

Will follow and report the activities of subject.

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Philadelphia Office due to the fact that subject was last reported residing in that vicinity.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, dated April 14, 1950, at New York, N. Y., are identified as follows:

T-1	-	ED YATES, Clerk, 30th Street Post Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
T-2	-	Pretext telephone call.
T-3	-	PHT-45. (Philadelphia Informant)
T-4	-	NYT 26.
T-5	-	<input type="text"/> (Philadelphia Informant)
T-6	-	<input type="text"/> (Pittsburgh Informant)
T-7	-	Pittsburgh Informant PI-10.
T-8	-	<input type="text"/> This is the same as Informant T-6 and it was used to further hide the identity of Confidential Informant T-6.
T-9	-	Pittsburgh Confidential Informant <input type="text"/>

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Report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL, 12/8/49,  
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MEMORANDUM

RE: PHIL BART  
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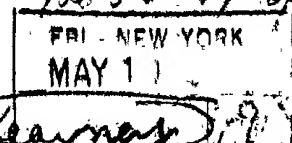
The above captioned individual has written an article for the monthly magazine, "POLITICAL AFFAIRS".

This article appears in the issue of MAY, 1950.

Copies of "POLITICAL AFFAIRS" may be found in the Communist Library.

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# A SPECIAL OFFER TO 'WORKER' READERS

## Daily Worker

50 EAST 13th STREET  
New York 3, N. Y. • AL 4-7954

Dear "Worker" Reader:

You are part of a growing family of "Worker" readers which reaches into some 70,000 homes throughout our country. This is a workers' newspaper — a paper of the common people. That is why it vigorously fights for peace — because the people want peace. It fights for our democratic rights which are being reduced daily and are threatened completely if the Mundt bill is put over.

The "Worker" is the champion in all labor's struggles, in defense of Negro rights, against anti-Semitism and for everything that is decent and in the interests of the people. It is a newspaper which speaks for socialism — a human society which will produce and serve the majority of the people as opposed to capitalism which produces only to enrich the money lords.

It is a people's paper. Practically all other newspapers are owned lock, stock and barrel by the Big Trusts and are their spokesmen.

You have had the opportunity to read and judge the "Worker" for yourself. We now want to give you the opportunity to read a workingman's paper every day — the Daily Worker. We, therefore, have reduced the subscription rates for the Daily Worker for a six-week period — from May 15 to June 30. The regular subscription rate is \$10 a year. For this period it is reduced to \$6 a year. In Manhattan and the Bronx the reduction is from \$12 to \$7.50 a year.

Fill out the subscription blank below and send it with \$6 for your year's subscription to the Daily Worker.

Fraternally yours,

**PHILIP BART,**  
General Manager.

DAILY WORKER  
50 East 13th Street  
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Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for one year sub to the DAILY  
WORKER at special reduced rate.

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(PLEASE PRINT)

# Kings H'way CP Aims at 1,000 New 'Daily' Readers

Inspired by a direct report from the ace Daily Worker press builder at the Ford River Rouge plant, the Kings Highway region of the Communist Party has set out to pace all New York in increasing the circulation of the Daily Worker and The Worker. A conference of 125 club representatives pledged on Sunday to obtain 1,000 new daily Worker readers by Sept. 30.

High point of the conference was a report from Nelson Davis, Detroit's top sub-getter and recently elected vice president in the Production Foundry division of UAW Local 600. The veteran Negro auto worker described the outstanding role played by the Daily Worker and Michigan Worker in fighting for the demands of the Ford workers.

Davis declared that his election was largely due to his record in plugging the sales of these papers and at the same time fighting within the plant for the needs of the workers.

At the end of the all-day conference with speakers including Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Communist national committee member, and Phil Bart, Daily Worker business manager, the delegates pledged that of the 1,000 new Daily Worker readers, 500 would be obtained through new subscriptions and 500 through regular sales at shops in the streets, mass organizations, apartment houses and at concentration points.

The plan of work called for every Communist shop worker taking one Daily Worker for himself and one for a fellow worker.



DAVIS  
Ace Sub Getter

It called for each club in the area taking one night a week for selling the paper on the streets, the nights to be alternated among the clubs to guarantee that the paper is sold every night in the week.

At the same time the conference took steps to make certain that the circulation of the weekend Worker would keep increasing, without waiting for special drives. The

region, which obtained 2,500 subs in the recent Worker drive, pledged a regular annual increase in Worker circulation of 1,500. Each club is to obtain at least one sub per week.

Demonstrating the spirit of the conference, delegates walked into the meeting with 93 new subs for the Daily Worker, all gathered in one week.

## START COMPETITION

A friendly competition was started between Kings Highway's ace press builder, Hyman Winters and Davis. Winters, who got 300 Worker subs in the last drive, was invited to attend a Detroit press and party building conference.

Main report was delivered by Herbert Gurowitz, organizer of the Bath Beach section. The plan of work, which also called for recruiting 200 new members by July 4, and another 100 by Sept. 30, was placed before the body by Nat Slutsky, regional organizer.

The test of Communist work, Slutsky declared, will be determined by the extent to which the press and the party are built.

Charles Lohman of the county committee stressed that there were no more important tasks than the building of the press and party in the fight for peace and democracy.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

New York 7, New York

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May 22, 1950

MEMO:

RE: PHIL BART  
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On 3-6-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party; Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the holographic initials of Special Agent E.K. DEANE and [redacted] special empl., who can testify to legally admissible character of the exhibit. b6 b7C

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For original evidence see exhibit # 147 in file # 100-56579.

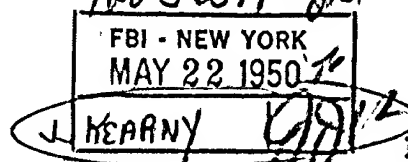
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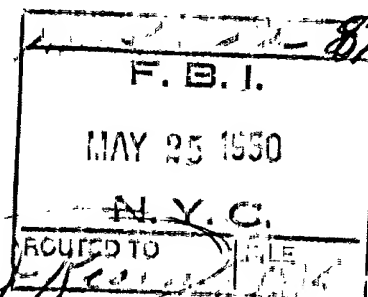
RE: JOSEPH ROBERTS  
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On May 12, 1950 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, reported that JOE ROBERTS had returned to New York from Boston and left word at National CP Headquarters for PHIL BART, General Manager of the "Daily Worker" to proceed with a certain meeting.

SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

cc: 100-56579 (PHIL BART) ✓

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DIRECTOR, FBI

June 9, 1950

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PHILIP BERAL  
SECURITY MATTER - C

The confidential files of Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Chief, Passport Division, Department of State (see T symbol) which are passport records on individuals known to be communists, contain the name of PHILIP BERAL.

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PHILIP BERAL was issued Passport #149013 on December 12, 1929. In his passport application, he stated he was born at Warsaw, Poland on June 28, 1902, that he emigrated to the U.S. in August, 1914 and from 1914 to 1929, he lived in New York; however, he gave as his permanent address on this application as 571 Hague St., Detroit, Michigan.

This application further showed that BERAL's father was BENJAMIN BERAL and that he was born in 1882 in Warsaw, Poland and was naturalized in the Southern District of New York on December 7, 1920.

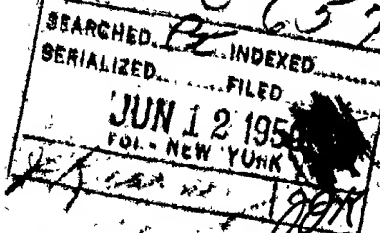
This application reflected that BERAL intended to visit England, France, Germany and Poland as a tourist and to visit relatives. He described himself as follows:

Height:	5 ft. 8 in.
Hair:	black
Eyes:	brown

He desired that his passport be forwarded to him at 308 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The identifying witness on this application was MILTON R. FEINMAN, 1470 No. Euclid St., Detroit, Michigan.

The files of the State Department further reflect that the records of the World Tourist Inc. show that BERAL's transportation was charged to the Communist Party and that BERAL was a PRIMOFF student and a T.U.U.L. delegate.

~~For the information of the Detroit and New York Offices, GEORGE PRIMOFF was the financial advisor of the Communist Party for a number of years and, according to witnesses in the EARL BROWDER case, the PRIMOFF account was actually the account of the Communist Party.~~



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These confidential files of the State Department, maintained in the office of Mr. NICHOLAS, and which according to the State Department are files on persons known to be Communists, are to be sent to the regular file room of the State Dept. At the Bureau's suggestion, a thorough review of these files is being made and the contents reported to the Bureau as well as interested offices for their information and record purposes.

cc-Detroit

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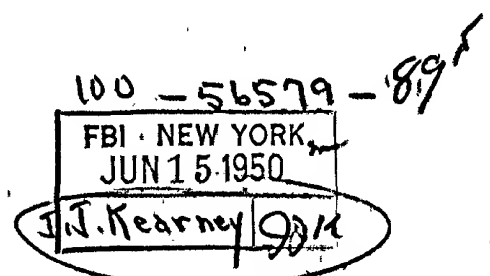
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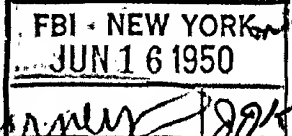
Copies of memos dated May 26 and June 1, 1950 showing that first meeting of National Finance Committee, CP USA, took place 5-31-50 at National CP Headquarters, New York City. Chairman appears to be HENRY WINSTON and members:

WILLIAM NORMAN, JACK PERILLA, NORMAN SCHRANK, CARL REINSTEIN, PHILIP BART, MICHAEL RUSSO, JOSEPH ROBERTS all of New York City and BENJAMIN WEISS, Eastern Pennsylvania Treasurer of Philadelphia.



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## UN-AMERICANS SUMMON 'WORKER' MANAGER TODAY

*if* Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, has been called for questioning this morning before the House Un-American Committee in Washington.

Rep. John S. Wood (D-Ga), chairman of the committee, signed the summons. Wood did not state the matters on which he proposes to question Bart. The calling of the manager of a newspaper which has been playing a leading role in the fight for peace indicated that the committee may be opening a new campaign of warmongering.

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# HOUSE UNIT SPEEDS TEST ON CONTEMPT

Cases of 39 Defiant Witnesses  
in Hawaii Inquiry Are Cited—  
Daily Worker Manager Balks

By C. P. TRUSSELL

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 21—The House Committee on Un-American Activities voted today to speed up court tests of how far a witness might go in refusing to answer questions without being in contempt of Congress.

This action came as Congressional committees, particularly the Un-American Activities group, continued to find questioning of witnesses futile when those under investigation cited the Constitution as providing for their exemption from responses that might be self-incriminating.

Recently the refusals to answer had spread to the Senate side, in the reopened case of State Department documents having fallen into the hands of the late magazine *Amerasia* in 1945. Citation for contempt of Congress has been recommended by the subcommittee investigating charges by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, that Communists have infiltrated the headquarters of American foreign relations.

The House committee indicated that it was in a particularly strong position to seek, first, formal Congressional citations for contempt, and probable handing of the cases to the Department of Justice for grand jury action. Congress, it was noted, usually approves proposed contempt citations.

## Instances in Hawaii Inquiry

The House group has at hand instances in which thirty-nine witnesses refused to answer questions in its April investigation of communism in Hawaii. All declinations were based on self-incrimination grounds. The committee agreed today to press all of these cases to a showdown.

Before the day was over, the House committee had made, it was conceded, little if any progress in its investigation into alleged Communist espionage and passport frauds.

One witness, Philip A. Bart of New York, general manager of *The Daily Worker*, Communist newspaper, accused the committee of ignoring the due process of law. Another, Marcel Scherer, a former West Coast labor leader whom the committee apparently attempted to link with "leaks" of atomic secrets from the University of California's radiation laboratory at Berkeley, refused to answer most questions.

Representative Francis E. Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania and acting committee chairman, said the group would meet Friday to decide whether one or two more test cases would be added to the thirty-nine from Hawaii.

## Constitution Invoked

A constitutional issue, it appeared from today's questioning, was whether a witness, conceded to be immune from giving answers that might incriminate himself, could also refuse, under the Fifth Amendment, to answer questions concerning someone else. Many of today's questions called upon the witnesses to say whether to their knowledge other persons were Communists.

Mr. Bart, a native of Poland, who acquired citizenship through the naturalization of his father early in the century, declined to tell his original name. The change

# HAMPERS INVESTIGATION



Philip A. Bart, general manager of *The Daily Worker*, testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The New York Times (Washington Bureau)

of name, he said, was legal and he was voting under it. Mr. Scherer, originally a Rumanian, was not asked about a possible change.

Largely under investigation, however, was a passport application made in 1932 that sought entry to Europe of one John William Fox. The committee wanted to know whether this was really Mr. Bart. Mr. Scherer appeared to have endorsed the passport request. Both witnesses refused to discuss it.

Frank S. Tavenner Jr., committee counsel, said the group had evidence that Mr. Scherer had attended the Marx-Lenin Institute in Moscow for revolutionary training in such operations as strike strategy, military science, codes, street fighting and civil warfare. He showed Mr. Scherer a copy of a passport application containing his name and a photograph of the applicant. Mr. Scherer declined to answer questions about it.

## Hearing Often in Confusion

Mr. Bart, to whom a copy of the "Fox" passport application was shown, declined to identify or repeat what its Abraham Unger of New York, his counsel denounced the committee's proceedings as "highly improper."

On several occasions the touch-and-go of hot argument threw the hearing into confusion. As Mr. Bart's hearing closed, he was standing and shouting that the committee questions were aimed at incriminating him and "my party."

Mr. Walter retorted. "If you think so much of the Constitution which you are hiding behind you will be willing to cooperate with this committee in finding out what alleged Americans attended the Marx-Lenin Institute."

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# House Probers To Cite All Who Defied Them

Washington, June 21 (P)—The House Un-American Activities Committee decided today to bring contempt of Congress proceedings against all witnesses who refuse to answer its questions.

As a starter, the committee voted for contempt proceedings against 39 witnesses who refused to answer questions during an investigation of Communism in Hawaii in April.

The decision, taken at a closed session, also applies to those who have declined to talk during Congressional sessions reaching back into last year. The vote was not disclosed.

Rep. Walter (D-Pa.) told reporters that Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, "probably" will be among the first added to the list.

Bart, a witness today, declined to answer almost all questions put to him. These included whether he had used an alias in obtaining a passport in 1932.

Walter said the committee will consider later this week whether to proceed against Marcel Scherer, one-time West Coast labor leader, who followed Bart on the witness stand.

Bart and Scherer were called primarily for questioning about a passport issued to John William Fox in 1940. The application was witnessed by Scherer.

Bart refused to say whether the photograph on the passport was his; whether he used the passport; whether he went to Russia on it. Scherer refused to say whether he signed the passport application; whether he knew Fox; whether Fox and Bart are the same person.

Both Bart and his New York attorney, Abraham Unger, complained repeatedly that questions asked Bart were "highly improper."

In refusing to answer questions, Bart and Scherer contended their constitutional rights were being infringed.

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# Bart Rips Move to Gag 'Worker' at Un-American Probe

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By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, June 21. — In fast and furious verbal battles that had the House Un-American Committee reeling, Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, today condemned the committee to its face for attempting to curtail freedom of the press.

The Un-Americans' move obviously had as one of its aims the smearing of the Daily Worker for having publicized the involvement of Un-Americans' chairman John S. Wood (D-Ga.) in a \$1,000 kickback from a man who collected a \$10,000 claim from the government.

Bart forced the committee to retreat from its line of questioning about the Daily Worker when he told them that the committee was "infringing on the First Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees freedom of the press."

When the committee's hour-long fishing expedition involving passports and names was brought to an end by acting chairman Francis Walters (D-Pa.) Bart boomed that the committee was trying to "send all America to jail."

Asked by reporters whether Bart would be cited for contempt, Walter said he saw no reason "why we shouldn't proceed against him on a charge of contempt."

Throughout the questioning Bart repeated his condemnation of the committee. He reiterated that the committee did not seek answers to questions, but sought

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to frame him as it had done many others.

Obviously ruffled by the sharp attack, the sharpest experienced by the committee in the last two years, Walters growled, "If you thought as much of the Constitution as you say you do, instead of hiding behind it, you'd help the committee find out how supervises went to Moscow for training."

"I will never be a part of this committee's attempt to send all America to jail," Bart exclaimed. He rose to his feet with more denunciations of the committee's attempt to smear him and jail him as you have done to others. Walters banged his gavel, and the committee strode from the hearing room.

Accompanying Bart was Abraham Unger, New York labor and civil rights attorney, who kept up a running battle with individual committee members as well. Unger silenced Rep. Harrison (D-Va) and Rep. Francis Case (R-SD), when the two committee members interjected some snide remarks and twisted legal interpretations.

Harrison advised Walters, at one point when Unger was telling the committee it had no right to infringe on the Constitution, that Unger should be silenced. "I don't care to hear from this man," Harrison said.

Unger criticized Harrison for this remark. "I don't say to you, Mr. Congressman, that I don't like to hear from you," Harrison glowered at Unger but didn't open his mouth after that.

Case, in an attempt to confuse Bart, said that his interpretation of the Fifth Amendment involving self-incrimination did not prevent him from answering a question.

"Are you a lawyer," Unger interjected. Case sat silent.

"Oh, you refuse to answer, do you?" Unger said. Case kept quiet. "You know and all lawyers know that your legal interpretation is entirely incorrect," Unger continued. Case remained quiet for the rest of the hearing.

Bart was handed a number photostatic copies of passports and asked about them.

Bart declined to recognize the questions as within the purview of the committee.

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PHILIP BART with aliases: Philip Bart,  
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Re Washington Field letter to Director, dated 6/9/50, entitled  
PHILIP BERAL, SECURITY MATTER - C.

The NEW YORK TIMES, issue of June 22, 1950, page 5, column 4,  
states that subject, general manager of the DAILY WORKER and MARGEL SCHERER,  
who is district #4 representative of the UERSWA, testified before the HEVA  
on June 21, 1950. This article stated that they were questioned as to the  
identity of one JOHN WILLIAM FOX for whom a passport was issued in 1932.  
The committee directed questions to learn if BART was in fact FOX and  
whether SCHERER had endorsed the passport.

The files of the New York Office fail to reflect any information  
as to subject ever having used the name of JOHN WILLIAM FOX.

It is requested that the Washington Field Office review the files  
of the Passport Division of the Department of State for further information  
concerning the issuance of instant passport in 1932 to JOHN WILLIAM FOX.

By report of SA WILLIAM F. CONWELL, dated August 15, 1941, at  
Indianapolis, entitled PHILIP BART, was; INTERNAL SECURITY - R, the  
Washington Field Office was requested to check records of the State Depart-  
ment for passports issued to PHIL BARD. Insofar as the files of the  
New York Office do not contain the results of this investigation, it is  
requested that the Washington Field Office forward any pertinent information  
concerning this investigation to the New York Office.

cc: Washington Field  
NY 100-5767 (MARGEL SCHERER)

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# Daily Worker Manager Cited By Un-Americans

WASHINGTON, June 29. Philip Bart, Daily Worker manager, was cited for contempt today by the House Un-American Committee. Bart had refused to answer questions by the Un-Americans, and had invoked the constitutional right not to testify against himself. Victims of the Un-Americans latest attempt to jail progressives now includes Steve Nelson, chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, as well as 39 residents of Hawaii.

Philip Bart, informed of the citation against him, declared yesterday:

"Although one chairman of the House Un-American Committee was convicted of defrauding the United States government, and its present chairman is under suspicion of using his position for private gain, this thought police

outfit still presumes to pass judgment on the political beliefs of honest people. A contempt citation from this Committee has become a citation for honorable service in the cause of world peace and the welfare of the American people.

In my case, it is also a sneak attack on the Daily Worker, and therefore an attack against freedom of the press.

Others, not I, are in contempt of the U.S. Constitution and the United Nations Charter. They have most recently shown their contempt for the will of peace-loving Americans by waging undeclared war against the people of Korea and all Asia."

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Description of exhibit:

Mimeographed letter dated 3/7/50 on stationery of the Daily Worker. The letter is addressed to "Dear Sir" and signed PHILIP BART, General Mgr. Letter mentions enclosure of an Editorial which appeared in the Daily Worker, March 6, 1950 re: Mundt-Nixon and invites the reader's comment on the subject.



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Special Agent in Charge



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Description of exhibit:

Pay envelope from Freedom of the Press Inc. Salary \$55.  
Carbon copy of letter from PHIL BART To All Districts announcing that the April 16, 1950 edition of the Worker will be devoted to articles on the birthday anniversary of Thomas Jefferson and 5th anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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For Special Agent in Charge

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MEMO:

RE: CPUSA - Dist. No. 2

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REMARKS:

A mimeographed memorandum dated April 12, 1950 captioned "To All Section And Club Press Directors And Industrial Concentration Clubs" addressed "Dear Comrade" and signed "Comradely yours, ALLAN ROSENSTEIN, County Press Director, and CHARLES LOMAN, County Org. Secy." advising the reader of an important meeting of all section and club press directors and representatives of all industrial concentration clubs to take place Thursday April 20, 8P.M., at 363 Fulton Street.

The topic will be a report of the recent National Plenum, mainly dealing with the utilization of our press and its use in club concentration work. The speaker will be PHIL BART, General Manager of the Daily and Sunday Worker.

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cc 100-49466 (A. Rosenstein)  
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100-56579 (F. Bart)



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TITLE <b>PHILIP BART was. Philip Bart, Phil Burt, Philip Strauss, Philip Beral</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** **JOHN WILLIAM FOX**, born August 7, 1907, Mt. Kisco, New York, issued passport No. 491548 on May 9, 1932, for a proposed two months stay in England, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium for the purpose of "travel." **PHILIP BARD** born February 14, 1912, New York City, was issued passport No. 358304 on December 22, 1936, for travel in Switzerland and France on business. Background information set out.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect **JOHN WILLIAM FOX** was issued passport No. 491548 on May 9, 1932, upon an application executed by him May 5, 1932, at New York, New York, in which he stated he was born August 7, 1907, Mt. Kisco, New York; his permanent residence was Mt. Kisco, New York, and he intended to depart from the port of New York City on June 4, 1932, on board the *Britanic* for a proposed two months stay in England, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium for the purpose of "travel."

**FOX** further informed in this passport application that his mother, **HILDA LEECOURT**(illegible) **FOX** was residing in Mt. Kisco, New York, and that his father, **RECTOR K. FOX**, born in Paris, Kentucky, was deceased.

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FOX requested that his passport be mailed to him at 1065 Lexington, New York City. This address was deleted and he requested his passport be mailed to him in care of Mrs. R. K. FOX, Mt. Kisco, New York.

FOX furnished the following description of himself;

Height:	5' 10"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	"None"

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, further disclose that passport No. 358204 was applied for and issued to PHILIP BARD for travel in Switzerland and France on business. The records further reflect that the Department of State was aware that BARD was a member of a contingent destined to fight for the Loyalists in Spain and that this contingent had proposed to sail from the port of New York aboard the SS Normandy on December 26, 1936.

The Passport records further revealed that PHILIP BARD was born at 26 Rivington Street, New York City, on February 14, 1912, and that he had never resided outside the United States until 1936. His father's name was listed as SALOMAN BARD, born in Russia, deceased. SALOMAN BARD was alleged to have immigrated to the United States about 1904 and was a naturalized citizen although the date and place of naturalization were not given.

At the time of the 1936 passport application, BARD listed his residence as 46 Bank Street, New York, New York.

The records of the Passport Division disclose that PHILIP BARD, as Executive Secretary of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade whose offices were in New York City, advised Mrs. RUTH B. SHIPLEY, chief of the Passport Division, that one DAVID LASSER, chairman of the Workers Alliance Relief Committee to Aid Americans in Spain, had applied for a passport to visit England, France, and Spain in order to study relief in these countries. The subject at this time requested Mrs. SHIPLEY's assistance in this matter.

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The records of the Passport Division contain a newspaper article published April 22, 1937, in the DAILY WORKER. The gist of this article advised that one PHIL BARD, a former cartoonist of the DAILY WORKER and former President of the Artists Union, would address an audience in New York City on experiences with the Abraham Lincoln Battalion which fought for the Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War. This article reflected that PHIL BARD had been injured while fighting in Spain and had been sent home as an invalid considered unfit for military service. The article concluded by advising that PHIL BARD had since become Executive Secretary of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion.

The following is a description of PHILIP BARD obtained from his passport record:

Height:	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Occupation:	President Workers Alliance of America (1937)

Photographs of JOHN WILLIAM FOX were obtained from his passport application dated May 5, 1932, together with photographs of PHILIP BARD obtained from his passport application dated December 19, 1936.

Enclosures to New York - One negative and five prints each of  
JOHN WILLIAM FOX and PHILIP BARD

\* REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

WFO 100-5881

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

New York Letter dated June 27, 1950.



NEW YORK, NEW YORK

August 2, 1950

MEMO

RE: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On July 27, 1950, Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised that HENRY WINSTON (National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA) conferred on that date with JACK KLING (Chairman District No. 18, CP, USA in Milwaukee). KLING told WINSTON that workers (in Milwaukee) were being threatened and four people had already been hospitalized in connection with attempting to obtain peace petitions. WINSTON wanted to know how the CP in Wisconsin was doing on the right to collect the petitions. KLING told WINSTON that more broader forces were sponsoring various statements but people were afraid to speak up. WINSTON suggested that a reporter from the "Daily Worker" come out to Milwaukee to do a story on the situation. WINSTON said that he had already talked to PHIL BART (General Manager, "Daily Worker") who had told him what was being done out in that district.

SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

cc: 100-269 (HENRY WINSTON)  
100-19249 (JACK KLING)  
100-3916 (CP, USA - District #18)  
100-56579 (PHILLIP BART) ✓

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100-86424

100-56579-107

F. B. I.
AUG 2 1950
N. Y. C.
ROUTED TO
<i>[Signature]</i>

*[Handwritten signature]*

New York 7, New York  
August 9, 1950

MEMO:

Re: PHIL BART  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Former CNDI [ ] advised on August 3, 1950 that he attempted to contact PHIL BART, General Manager of the "Daily Worker", who is a personal acquaintance. The informant was advised by the New York County Communist Party Headquarters that BART was on vacation.

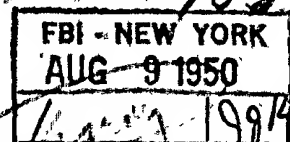
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In view of recent Bureau instructions to keep abreast of prominent Communist Party functionaries, this is being submitted for the subject's case file. Information developed as to his location should be placed in New York case file entitled "Communist Party, USA - Underground Activities".

RICHARD T. CLANCY,  
SA

cc: NY 100-96985 (CP, USA. — Underground Activities)

RTC:LS  
100-56579



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**



New York, New York  
August 16, 1950

MEMO

Re: CPUSA -- BRIEF  
INTERNAL SECURITY -- C

By letter dated August 3, 1950 this office furnished the Bureau with the Bureau file numbers of individual case files on top functionaries and key figures in this office which the Bureau should consider in the event it is planning to go ahead with prosecutions under the Smith Act.

A copy of this memorandum is being placed in each of the case files on the individuals suggested to the Bureau for consideration. It is therefore suggested that the case files on these individuals be kept up to date.

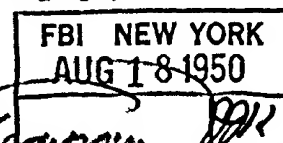
FRANCIS P. CARR, SA.

cc 100-54106 (ROBERT ALBERT)  
100-15705 (ISRAEL AMTER)  
100-319 (ROBERT APPEL)  
100-41932 (MARION BACHRACH)  
✓ 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)  
100-9369 (THEODORE BASSETT)  
100-4119 (ISIDORE BEGUN)  
100-25584 (MITCHELL BERENSON)  
100-24638 (ABNER W. BERRY)  
100-25865 (FRED BIEDENKAPP)  
100-20128 (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)  
100-44737 (JACK BJOZE)  
100-50806 (GEORGE BLAKE)  
100-50094 (ESTHER CANTOR)  
100-51955 (SAMUEL COLEMAN)  
100-81738 (LOUIS DIKIN)  
100-65505 (ALFRED EISENBERG)  
100-79787 (JUAN EMMANUELLI)

cc 100-37342 (JAMES FABER)  
100-86944 (HENRY FARASH)  
100-89816 (FRED FINE)  
100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)  
100-9364 (JAMES W. FORD)  
100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)  
100-24448 (LILLIAN GATES)  
100-13473 (SIMON W. GERSON)  
100-14541 (BEN GOLD)  
100-81642 (DAVID GOLDEN)  
100-14691 (ABNER GREEN)  
100-7658 (LEMON U. HARRIS)  
100-280 (CONSTANCE JACKSON)  
100-25907 (V. J. JEROME)  
100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)  
100-18677 (HOWARD JOHNSON)  
100-18676 (CLAUDIA JONES)  
100-50804 (RENA BURTON KLEIN)

FPC:SSC  
100-81752

(cont'd next page)



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MEMO

NY 100-81752

cc 100-55846 (HERBERT KRANSDORF)  
100-62243 (LEO KRZYCKI)  
100-8879 (ALBERT LANNON)  
100-34465 (JOHN LAVIN)  
100-34464 (JOSHUA LAWRENCE)  
100-52313 (VICKIE LAWRENCE)  
100-467 (WILLIAM LAWRENCE)  
100-85936 (PEARL LAWS)  
100-14496 (EMANUEL LEVIN)  
100-80072 (DORA LIFSHITZ)  
100-52959 (CHARLES LOMAN)  
100-23125 (ANTONIO LOMBARDO)  
100-14859 (ALAN MAX)  
100-23163 (MAY FORBES MILLER)  
100-7896 (MOSES MILLER)  
100-15137 (ROBERT MINOR)  
100-50983 (WILLIAM NORMAN)  
100-7918 (PAUL NOVICK)  
100-84275 (WILLIAM I. PATTERSON)

cc 100-92763 (PETTIS PERRY)  
100-83979 (JACK RINSLER)  
100-22531 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)  
100-7413 (NATHAN ROSS)  
100-52763 (NORMAN ROSS)  
100-26388 (MURRAY SAVAGE)  
100-58122 (FLORENCE SCHREIBER)  
100-62555 (SAMUEL SILEN)  
100-28609 (HAROLD SIMON)  
100-50090 (SIDNEY STEIN)  
100-87606 (AMY TIESLER)  
100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY)  
100-21421 (ALEX. TRACHTENBERG)  
100-13559 (CARL VEDRO)  
100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)  
100-9308 (HERBERT WHEELDIN)  
100-9086 (ROBERT WOOD)  
100-13525 (ROSE WORTIS)

August 17, 1950

MEMO

RE: PHILIP BART,  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C.

Re memo of ASAC WHELAN dated 8/17/50.

ASAC LALLY was telephonically communicated with on 11 AM on 8/17/50 and advised that PHIL BART may be found in Contempt of Congress in the near future and as a result there may be considerable pressure by Congress to locate him at a moment's notice. Further since he is an important figure in Communist activities, it would seem highly desirable that a surveillance be instituted for the purpose of determining where he will be "resting", which as far as the CP today is concerned means in hiding. ASAC LALLY stated he will place such a surveillance and the Bureau and New York Division will be advised by teletype.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT,  
Supervisor - Section #7.

WTM:DJG  
100-56579

*rec'd 8/17/50*  
*11/19*

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FBI - NEW YORK  
AUG 17 1950  
*J. J. Kearney* *glt* *Ed*

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....TRAINING UNIT

New York, N. Y.  
8/17/50

MEMO

Re: PHILIP BART  
ISC

At 10:30 A. M., ASAC Lally, Baltimore, called and advised that PHIL BART, Managing Editor, "Daily Worker", was in Baltimore at the home of FRED FRANKFELD. FRANKFELD is in Washington, D. C., visiting the organizer there. His wife called him there and told him there was someone who wanted to talk to him. Conversation then ensued between BART and FRANKFELD. BART told FRANKFELD there was something urgent came up and he wanted to see him. FRANKFELD said he would prefer to complete his business in Washington, but BART instructed him to return to Baltimore and at the same time told him that he (BART) was going away for a rest. FRANKFELD will leave Washington at 11:00 A. M., and arrive at Baltimore at 11:40 A. M. EDT.

Mr. Lally said there was no indication as to whether or not BART would leave Baltimore immediately after seeing and conferring with FRANKFELD, but from the tenor of the conversation he (BART) is definitely going somewhere. Inasmuch as the possibility exists that BART might be going underground somewhere, Baltimore Office would like to have instructions from NYO as to whether or not Baltimore Agents should surveil BART out of Baltimore to his destination wherever it may be.

I told Mr. Lally I would have SA Warren T. Marchessault call him back with instructions in this matter.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN, ASAC

WMW:MFB  
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FBI - NEW YORK  
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WA AND WFO 15 NY 6 FROM DA 17 1133

DIRECTOR AND SACS WASH FIELD AND NEW YORK

U R G E N T

PHILLIP BART, WAS, IS DASH C. REBATEL AUGUST SEVENTEEN. SUBJECT

DEPARTED BALTIMORE VIA PENNSYLVANIA RR, TEN FORTYNINE PM, AUGUST SEVENTEEN, AFTER BUYING TICKET TO WASHINGTON, D.C. HE IS BEING SURVEILLED BY TWO BALTIMORE AGENTS WHO WILL ASCERTAIN HIS DESTINATION IN WASHINGTON AND WILL ADVISE WFO. WFO WILL ADVISE NYC OF BART'S LOCATION IN WASHINGTON. WHEN DESTINATION ASCERTAINED IN WASHINGTON SURVEILLANCE WILL BE DISCONTINUED UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU OR NEW YORK. WFO GIVEN FOREGOING INFO TELEPHONICALLY.

CARSON

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MR. WHELAN  
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WA 6 NY 3 FROM BALTO 8-17 3-40 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC, NYC URGENT

PHILIP BART, WAS, IS DASH C. BALTIMORE CI NINE HUNDRED FIVE ADVISED TO-  
 DAY THAT PHILIP FRANKFELD, CHAIRMAN, CP, DISTRICT FOUR, WHILE VISITING  
 AT WASHINGTON, DC, WAS CONTACTED BY SUBJ BART, WHO HAD ARRIVED IN BALTO.  
 EARLY THIS MORNING, AND WHO WAS THEN AT FRANKFELDS HOME IN BALTIMORE.  
 FRANKFELD INDICATED TO BART THAT HE HAD A NO. OF CONTACTS TO MAKE IN WASH-  
 INGTON, BUT BART INSTRUCTED HIM TO IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE HIS CONTACTS  
 AND RETURN TO BALTO. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHERE HE ARRANGED TO MEET  
 FRANKFELD AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATION, BALTO., ELEVEN FORTY THIS MORNING.  
 FRANKFELD ENDEAVORED TO DETERMINE FROM BART HOW URGENT IT WAS FOR  
 FRANKFELD TO RETURN TO BALTIMORE, AND BART TOLD HIM TO COME BACK AS  
 SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE QUOTE I GOT A FEW THINGS I WANT TO DO. I  
 WANT TO TAKE A REST FOR A FEW DAYS. UNQUOTE. CI NINE HUNDRED FIVE AD-  
 VISED FURTHER THAT FRANKFELD AND HIS WIFE, JEAN FRANKFELD, HAD BEEN  
 PLANNING TO TAKE A SHORT VACATION TRIP WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO BUT  
 IN VIEW OF BARTS PRESENCE IN BALTO. AND PRESUMABLY THE INFORMATION THAT  
 HE HAD TO GIVE TO FRANKFELD THAT THIS WOULD IN SOME WAY CHANGE THE  
 FRANKFELDS VACATION PLANS. THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS TELEPHONI-  
 CALLY FURNISHED TO ASAC WHELAN OF THE NY OFFICE THIS MORNING AND PHYSI-  
 CAL SURVEILLANCE HAS BEEN INITIATED BY BALTO. ON BART TO DETERMINE HIS  
 DESTINATION IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY BE PREPARING TO

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 F. B. I.  
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 N. Y. C.  
 DIRECTOR



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DISAPPEAR. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISES THAT BART IS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL SUITCASE CONTAINING SOME CLOTHING AND CP NOTES.

FRANKFELD MET BART AT PENNSYLVANIA STATION AS PLANNED, AND AFTER HAVING COFFEE IN RAILWAY RESTAURANT, THEN WENT WITH FRANKFELD TO DRUID HILL PARK AND SAT ON A BENCH, WHERE THEY CONFERRED FOR OVER TWO HOURS. THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO CP HEADQUARTERS, BALTO., WHERE THEY ARE PRESENTLY LOCATED. UACB, BALTO. WILL CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE OF BART UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HIS FINAL DESTINATION IS DETERMINED.

CARSON

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TX VERY MUCH

FBI DETROIT 8-18-50 6-16PM EST NWW

DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS NEW YORK BALTIMORE AND BUFFALO

VERY URGENT

PHILLIP BART, IS - C. SUBJECT, A NATIONAL CP FUNCTIONARY

DEPARTED AT FIVE TEN P.M. ON DETROIT AND CLEVELAND

NAVIGATION CO. BOAT, WESTERN STATES, DESTINY NON STOP TO

BUFFALO, N.Y. TO ARRIVE AT NINE A. M. EST, OT TEN A. M.

STANDARD DAY LIGHT TIME, SAT. AUG. NINETEEN, NEXT,

AT FOOT OF MAIN ST., BUFFALO, N. Y. BALTIMORE INSTITUTED

SURVIXXX SURVEILLANCE TODAY WHEN BART TOLD PHIL FRANKFELT, BALTIMORE

FUNCTIONARY, THAT HE WAS QUOTE GOING TO TAKE A REST UNQUOTE,

INTERPRETED AS POSSIBLY INDICATING HE IS GOING UNDERGROUND.

BALTIMORE HAS ADVISED BU AND HAS REQUESTED SURVEILLANCE OF

BART TO HIS DESTINATION. SUBJECT DEPARTED WASH. D.C.

AUG. EIGHTEEN INST. AT TWELVE FIFTY TWO A. M. ENROUTE TO

CLEVELNAD, OHIO, FROM WHERE HE CAME TO DETROIT. SUBJECT NOT

PARTICULARLY TAIL CONSCIOUS. DETROIT MAINTAINED CLOSE

SURVEILLANCE WHILE IN DETROIT. BUFFALO REQUESTED TO MEET BOAT

AND AFFORD PROPER COVERAGE. BARTS PHOTOGRAPH IN TOP

FUNCTIONARY ALBUM AND GOOD LIKENESS. BART WEARING BLUE DASH

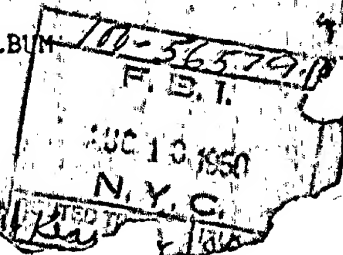
GREY SUIT, BLUE SHIRT, HAIR DARK OR BLACK, SPRINKLED WITH GRAY,

NO HAT. HE IS BALDING AND APPEARS TO HAVE SLIGHT HUMP OR HUNCH

ON BACK OF NECK. HE IS FIVE FT. EIGHT IN. TALL, AND ALBUM

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

WEIGHT IS ONE TWENTY EIGHT, BUT SURVEILLING AGENTS JUDGE HE  
WEIGHS ABOUT ONE SIXTY FIVE. SUBJECT CARRYING BLACK SMALL  
CASE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BRIEFCASE, BUT ABOUT SIX INCHES WIDE.  
ADVISE BALTIMORE AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN OF RESULTS OF YOUR  
SURVEILLANCE.

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CORR PAGE ONE LIEXX LINE FOUR WRD NINE TO READ- OR-

END ACK IN ORD PLS

WA 7-21 PM OK FBI WASH DC WJR

NY OK FBI NYC 1-0711

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MR. WHELAN  
*W* MR. STINE  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. CRANVILLE  
MR. HENRY  
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... ASSAULT  
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THREE AM

PHILLIP BART, IS C. RE WFO TEL AUG EIGHTEEN. BART UNDER  
CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE HERE SINCE HIS ARRIVAL TWO FIFTY THREE

TODAY. TRAVELED TO DETROIT FROM WILLOW RUN AIRPORT BY AIRLINES BUS. CHANGED SHIRT IN BUS STATION AND PLACED BRIEF CASE IN RENTED LOCKER THERE. SPENT BALANCE OF NIGHT SLEEPING IN ALL NIGHT THEATRE. PROCEEDED TO FORMER HOME OF CARL WINTER, NOW OCCUPIED BY BILL ALBERTSON, ACTING LABOR SECTY, DISTRICT SEVEN, CP, MICH, BY CAB AT EIGHT AM. STILL WITH ALBERTSON AT HOME. ALBERTSON HAD APPOINTMENT AT CP HEADQUARTERS THIS AM WHICH HE CANCELLED AFTER SUBJECTS ARRIVAL. NY REQUESTED TO SUTEL INSTRUCTIONS RE TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE AND APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF TIME TO BE CONDUCTED. ADVISE OF FINAL OBJECTIVES AND SUTEL ANY INFO AVAILABLE TO NY. WHICH MIGHT FACILITATE CONDUCT OF SURVEILLANCE. EXPEDITE. SUTEL.

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FBI CLEVELAND 8-18-50 4-55AM EDST

DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK, BALTIMORE, WASH FIELD AND DETROIT  
URGENT

PHILLIP BART, IS-C. RE WASH FIELD TEL AUGUST EIGHTEEN, FIFTY  
FLIGHT EIGHT NAUGHT FIVE CAPITOL AIRLINES MET AT AIRPORT AND  
SUBJECT NOT OBSERVED LEAVING PLANE. CAPITOL AIRLINES ADVISED NO  
SUCH FLIGHT AS FOUR ONE TWO B, HOWEVER, FLIGHT EIGHT NAUGHT FIVE  
LEFT WASH AND WILL ARRIVE DETROIT SAME TIME SET OUT IN REF TEL.  
DETROIT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF PLANE DEPARTURE.

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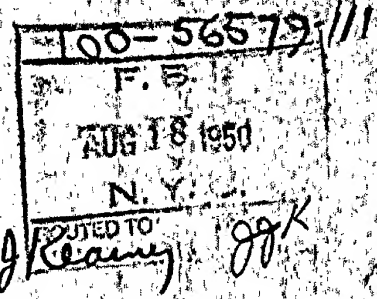
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FBI BUFFALO

8-19-50

1-28 PMCDST

MKG

DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE URGENT

PHILLIP BART, IS DASH C. RE DETROIT TEL AUGUST EIGHTEEN, FIFTY. SUBJECT ARRIVED BUFFALO VIA D AND C NAVIGATION BOAT, WESTERN STATES, TEN FIFTEEN A.M., EDT. IMMEDIATELY TOOK TAXI TO NEW YORK CENTRAL TERMINAL, BUFFALO, AND PURCHASED ONE WAY COACH TICKET TO NYC. SENT TELEGRAM TO CONSTANCE BART, THREE FIVE EAST TWELFTH ST., NYC, THIRD FLOOR, AS FOLLOWS: SEVENTWENTY PM DST AT GRAND CENTRAL OR HOME LATER. SIGNED PHIL. AT ELEVEN A.M. EDT SUBJECT BOARDED NYC TRAIN NO. NINETY, THE CHICAGOAN, AND TOOK SEAT TWO IN COACH CAR NO. THREE ONE ZERO FOUR. THIS TRAIN DUE NYC SIX TWENTY P.M., EST, AND LEFT BUFFALO AT ELEVEN THIRTEEN A.M. EDT. FOUR OTHER COACHES ON TRAIN FOR NYC, ALL AT HEAD OF TRAIN. SUBJECT DRESSED EXACTLY AS SET OUT IN REF DETROIT TEL AND IS CARRYING BLACK LEATHER BRIEF CASE NOT QUITE AS LARGE AS AGENTS LARGE BRIEF CASES. SUBJECT MADE NO CONTACTS WHILE IN BUFFALO AND WAS SITTING ALONE WHEN TRAIN LEFT STATION AND SURVEILLANCE DISCONTINUED. SUBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE TAIL CONSCIOUS BUT APPEARED TO BE VERY MUCH IN HURRY. HANDLE. CRUS.

MAYNOR

ECORRECTION THIRD LINE FROM END, SEVENTH WORD SHOULD READ "ALONE"  
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WA 1-36 PM OK FBI WA LHM

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-19-01 BY 60322 UCBAW

DIRECTOR, FBI

August 25, 1950

GUY ROTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

PHILLIP BART, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ASAC LALLY, Baltimore Office, telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office at 10:15 p.m., August 17, 1950, and advised that BART, a national functionary of the Communist Party, had visited PHIL FRANKFELD, Chairman of District 4 in Baltimore on August 17, 1950. Mr. LALLY stated that BART told FRANKFELD that he, BART, was going to take a rest. This was interpreted by the Baltimore Office as possibly indicating that BART intended to go underground and Baltimore therefore instituted a surveillance. At the time of the call, BART had just purchased a railroad ticket on the 10:39 p.m. train for Washington, D. C. Mr. LALLY stated that Agents of the Baltimore Office would accompany BART unless advised that WFO Agents were available to meet the subject.

This information was later furnished the WFO by teletype from Baltimore.

Agents of the Washington Field Office proceeded to Union Station where contact was effected by the surveilling Baltimore Agents. BART was observed leaving the train at 11:25 Eastern Daylight Savings Time. He immediately engaged a taxi and proceeded under surveillance by an Agent of the WFO and the Agents of the Baltimore Office to the National Airport. There he was overheard to inquire about a flight to Detroit. It was later ascertained that the subject purchased a ticket on Flight 802, Plane No. 412B, Capitol Airlines, leaving at 12:01 EST to Detroit via Cleveland. The schedule of this flight is as follows: Leave Washington 12:01 EST; Arrive Cleveland 1:51 EST; Leave Cleveland 2:05 EST; Arrive Detroit 2:53 EST. The Cleveland and Detroit Offices were immediately advised by teletype of BART'S intended itinerary and were requested to afford proper coverage.

At 12:05 a.m., EST, August 18, 1950, Flight 802 departed Washington, D. C.

The Cleveland Office by teletype dated August 18, 1950, advised that the flight described above had been met but the subject was not observed leaving the plane. Detroit was advised telephonically by Cleveland of the plane's departure.

BART is described as follows:

Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	Approximately 160
Hair:	Black, greying, bald pate

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AUG 28 1950	
FBI - NEW YORK	

*Kearney*

CFW:hms  
100-5881

c.c. New York (100-57679)  
c.c. Baltimore

100-56579-112A

DIRECTOR, FBI  
RE: PHILLIP BART, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

August 25, 1950

Clothing:	Blue-grey suit, light tan sport shirt, no tie, brown shoes, no hat
Characteristics:	Slight hump-back or very stoop-shouldered.
Remarks:	BART was carrying a black valise

The above information is being furnished the Baltimore Office for information.

RUC.



Director, FBI

August 28, 1950

SAC, Detroit

PHILLIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Washington Field teletype dated August 18, 1950 and Detroit teletype to the Director, New York, Baltimore and Buffalo dated August 18, 1950.

The above captioned Subject arrived at Detroit on Flight 805, Capitol Airlines, and a close surveillance was conducted until the Subject's departure at 5:10 P.M., August 18, 1950, from Detroit on the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company boat "Western States", destiny non-stop to Buffalo, New York, and was scheduled to arrive at 9:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, August 19, 1950, at the foot of Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

While in Detroit, Subject contacted BILL ALBERTSON at 1449 Collingwood. ALBERTSON is Trade Union Secretary, District 7, of the Communist Party. The Subject spent two hours at Communist Party Headquarters, 900 Lawyers Building, Detroit, Michigan. Subject was with BILLY ALLAN, Daily Worker correspondent, for approximately three hours in the afternoon of August 18, 1950.

A highly confidential source made available the contents of Subject's briefcase, which included soiled clothing and scribbled pencil notes apparently pertaining to the Daily Worker.

At 5:10 P.M., August 18, 1950, the Subject departed from Detroit enroute to Buffalo, New York. RUC.

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cc: Baltimore  
New York

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
August 29, 1950

MEMO:

RE: PHIL BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY -C

04-19-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party; Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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For original evidence see exhibit # 1R 14 in file # 100- 56579.

Description of exhibit:

Pay envelope from Freedom of the Press Inc; Salary \$ 55.



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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, BALTIMORE

PHILIP BART, WAS.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on 8/17/50 that captioned subject was at the home of PHIL FRANKFELD, District 4, Communist Party Chairman, arriving there early in the morning as of this date. FRANKFELD's wife, JEAN, contacted PHIL FRANKFELD in Washington, D. C., requesting that he immediately come back to Baltimore to see PHIL B. (BART). BART, according to informant, then talked to FRANKFELD and said that he had a few things he wanted to do and that he wanted to take a rest for a few days. b7D

PHIL FRANKFELD agreed to meet his wife, JEAN, and BART at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in Baltimore at 11:40 A.M.

On the possibility that BART'S statement that he was "going to take a rest for a few days" may have indicated that he was going underground, Baltimore instituted a surveillance of BART while in the Baltimore Division.

The following are the results of instant surveillance conducted by Baltimore:

At 11:35 A.M. JEAN FRANKFELD and PHIL BART entered Pennsylvania Station, Baltimore, where they met PHIL FRANKFELD who arrived on the North-bound train from Washington, D. C., at 11:43.

BART deposited in Locker #14 an overnight bag which he was carrying.

These 3 individuals proceeded to the station restaurant where they had lunch until 12:30, at which time PHIL FRANKFELD and subject BART took a taxicab into Druid Hill Park, where they stopped and walked to a picnic table in an isolated area. They talked here for approximately 45 minutes, at which time they caught a cab and proceeded to the downtown Baltimore area.

Informant then advised this office that ROY WOOD, Chairman, District of Columbia Communist Party, was requested to come to Baltimore for a conference. PHIL BART and PHIL FRANKFELD entered CP Headquarters at 220 North Liberty St., Baltimore, where they were joined by JEAN FRANKFELD and ROY

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WOOD, GEORGE MEYERS, District 4 Communist Party Labor Secretary, was at that time in Headquarters, and these 5 individuals left 220 North Liberty St. and proceeded to a corner tavern. They remained in the tavern (High Bar) for approximately 20 minutes, where they had a discussion, the nature of which could not be ascertained.

At approximately 4:15, BART, GEORGE MEYERS, PHIL and JEAN FRANKFELD took a taxicab to the residence of GEORGE MEYERS located at Whitelock and Brookfield Sts., where they remained until approximately 7:15, at which time they entered a local drug store for approximately an hour.

PHIL BART and PHIL FRANKFELD left the drug store and proceeded to 2312 Oswego St., the home of PHIL FRANKFELD, where these individuals remained until approximately 10:00, at which time PHIL BART entered a taxicab and proceeded to Pennsylvania Station. BART purchased a one way ticket to Washington, D.C., and waited at the station for the train which left at 10:40. During this time BART was surveillance conscious and wandered all over the station.

A confidential source furnished SA RICHARD G. SULLIVAN on this date with the contents of Locker #11, at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, which contained the overnight bag of subject BART. The bag contained dirty laundry as well as what appeared to be notes that BART made while on the train. They are being set forth herein for whatever information they provided as follows:

"D.W. for leadership - 5500 national circulation - now averaged 3600 in state.

250 D.W.

Object for clubs by month - a press conference in late Summer - achievement and final stage prior to launching dollar edition.

Add to plenum. Urgency, speed, tempo.

Their desperation requires speech by them - prove forces - not yet strong enough organized on world scale especially in U. S.

Besides broad movement - must develop outcome.

Ships of armament - without supplies.

For Furriers - Harlem Club D.W."

notes.

No attempt is being made to explain the significance of these

RE: PHILIP BART, WAS.  
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No other material of significance was contained in instant bag.

The above is being furnished for your information.

New York, N. Y.  
August 30, 1950.

MEMO

RE: PHIL BART,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Confidential Informant [ ] advised on June 22, 1950, that he saw PHIL BART in Moscow, probably during 1930 to 1931, and that BART was the "scholarly type" who probably attended the Lenin School during that period. In response to a specific inquiry concerning the use by BART of a falsified passport, the informant stated that he had no knowledge concerning such use by BART but that in the early thirties passport falsification was very prevalent. The informant stated that he had no additional information concerning BART and did not know any background information about him.

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JOHN D. O'CONNELL,  
SA.

cc: 62-10307

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, N. Y.

September 1, 1950

MEMO

RE: PHILIP BART

INTERNAL SECURITY-C  
~~SECURITY MATTER - C~~

By New York letter to the Bureau dated August 3, 1950, entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA-BRIEF; INTERNAL SECURITY-C", the Bureau's attention was called to the opinion of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, confirming the convictions of the eleven Communist Party leaders for violation of the Smith Act. It was pointed out to the Bureau that in view of this decision and the reputation of the Circuit Court in this Circuit, it would appear quite certain that the decision will be upheld in the Supreme Court. The Bureau's attention was further called to the fact that the defendants were indicted in a conspiracy indictment in individual indictments under Sections 2 and 3 of the Smith Act. The defendants were not brought to trial on the individual indictments charging them with membership in the Communist Party, well knowing it to be a society of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the government by force and violence.

It was suggested to the Bureau that additional individual members of the Communist Party, U.S.A., could be indicted under the Smith Act and, therefore, the Bureau may desire to refer the names of the individuals to the Department for appropriate consideration. Attached to this letter was the list of persons in this territory which this office recommended as persons to be considered for such prosecution. The subject's name was so listed.

The Bureau by letter dated August 18, 1950, entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.-BRIEF; INTERNAL SECURITY-C", referred to our referenced letter and stated that such a list had been transmitted to the Department on October 17, 1949, recommending prosecution. The Bureau in its October 17, 1949 listing listed twenty such individuals. Those from New York were as follows:

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ISRAEL AMTER, MARION BACHRACH, ISADORE BEGUN,  
ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN,  
BETTY GANNETT, SIMON GERSON, V. J. JEROME, ARNOLD JOHNSON, ALBERT  
LANNON, JACOB MINDEL, WILLIAM NORMAN, PETTIS PERAY, MURRAY  
SAVAGE, SID STEIN, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, LOUIS WEINSTOCK,  
WILLIAM WEINSTONE, CARL VEDRO.

Thus far the Attorney General has not furnished  
an opinion. The Bureau in its letter of August 18, 1950 stated  
as follows:

"In view of the possibility that prosecutive action  
may be taken against other CP leaders, cases on additional subjects  
selected for presentation to the Attorney General for prosecution  
should be reviewed and summary reports prepared setting out by  
witnesses information to prove (1) membership in or affiliation  
with the CP and (2) knowledge of the aims and purposes of the CP.  
Cases relating to the subjects mentioned in referenced letter  
should be handled in this manner. The cases relating to individuals  
previously presented to the Attorney General, as mentioned above,  
should also be reviewed to see that all pertinent information  
obtained subsequent to the last summary reports has been furnished  
to the Bureau. The summary reports, which you furnished previously  
relating to these individuals, were sent to the Department of  
Justice and it is desired that these cases be kept up to date in  
the event the Department should decide to proceed with prosecution.

"No reports should be turned over to the District  
U. S. Attorney until the Attorney General has authorized further  
prosecution."

Accordingly, the Bureau's instructions, as set out  
above, should be followed.

WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT,  
Supervisor - Section #7.



## VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

## MEMORANDUM

RE: BART PHILIP, was Philip  
Beral) Philip Strauss, Phil Bart

This Office File

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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card. J. J. Kearney

Residence:

263 Atkins Avenue  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Employment:

Communist Party Headquarters

Address:

35 E. 12th St., New York.

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: SAME AS ABOVE.

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FD 122 to Bureau  
advising of change.  
M.S.

Employment: GENERAL MGR., DAILY WORKER. 6/11/50 - N.Y. TIMES  
+ MASTHEAD OF DAILY WORKER

Address: 10 E 13 ST N.Y.C.

Verified by: R. M. Murphy.

Method of Verification: EMP. - REVIEW FILE -

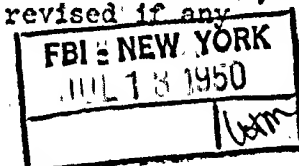
7/6/50

Date:

RES - NEIGHBORHOOD -

7/7/50

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.



Brooklyn Pct # 75

# 'Worker' Manager, 55 Others Cited for 'Contempt' by House

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON—The House on Friday cited Phil Bart, manager of the Daily Worker, for contempt of the House Un-American Committee, and then rapidly cited 55 other witnesses who had refused to act as accomplices in Un-American witchhunts. The

list Friday included James J. Mahoney, organizational director of the United Electrical Workers, four other UE organizers, several scientists, Marcel Scherer, coordinator of the Labor Conference for Peace; Louise Bernheim; Frank Hashmiller, of Cincinnati; James Brance, of Washington, and 39 persons active in the Hawaiian labor movement.

As a result of the House action, 56 persons now face prosecution in Federal courts with a possible penalty of one year in prison and \$1,000 fine for each unanswered question.

For bringing the contempt citations before the House, the Un-American Committee was lauded by Reps. Eugene Cox (D-Cal.), John Rankin (D-Miss.) and Henderson Latham (D-Cal.), the Congressmen who last Friday lunged at William Patterson shouting "You black son of a bitch."

## MARCANTONIO VOTES NO

All the citations Friday were by voice vote. Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) told the House he wanted the record to show him voting "no" in each case. On Thursday Marcantonio denounced the citations as a nullification of the First and Fifth amendments to the Constitution.

Of the Un-American Committee's list of 56, only two were named. They were Elizabeth Soudy, legislative representative of the Food and Tobacco Workers Union, and Betty Rodman, of Washington, a Progressive Party worker. Rep. John S. Wood (D-Cal.), chairman of the committee, said "further investigation" was necessary in these two cases.

On Thursday the House had voted citations against Julius Enns, pak secretary-treasurer of UE, and Steve Nelson, Western Pennsylvania Communist leader. In Enns' case, Marcantonio forced a roll call vote. Favoring the citations were 372, which included former opponents of the Un-American Committee like Blatnik, Ciesmiller, Burdick, Celler, Dollinger, Helen Douglas, Javits, Klein and Powell.

The session Friday was poorly attended and in most cases members didn't bother even to say aye. Nevertheless House speaker Sam Rayburn would in each instance say, "The ayes have it," and declare the citation resolution adopted.

## ONE PER MINUTE

All but the barest formalities—such as reading the specific charges of the Un-American Committee against the victim—and dispensed with. Rayburn gavelled the citations through at the rate of one per minute.

This orderly procedure was interrupted once when Rep. Charles Hoffman (R-Mich.) warned that if

## Daily Worker Can't Be Jailed, Says Bart

Phil Bart, manager of the Daily Worker, declared yesterday the citation against him was an attempt to stifle the voice for peace. His statement followed.

"The congressional citation against me as against all others is aimed at stifling all voices fighting for peace. In my case it is especially directed towards the suppression of the lone daily voice, the Daily Worker, which is fighting for the peace of our country and against the Wall Street warmakers."

"But the Daily Worker cannot be jailed. Its voice cannot be silenced. With every attack it will win new support in the fight to save our country from the scourge of a new world war and fascism."

In the proceedings of the House today, Bart said affirmatively that a quorum was present, the Supreme Court may reverse convictions by a lower court. Hoffman made it clear, however, that he "had no sympathy" with the victims of the committee.

It was interrupted again when Rep. Cox perorated that "every bell in the country should ring out in appreciation" of the Un-American Committee. He heaped ridicule and scorn on former "leftist" members of the House who in previous times voted in opposition to the Un-American Committee.

"I saw them run yesterday," he said. (Continued on Page 11)

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said, referring to their failure to vote against the citation. "In my judgment they are not voting their honest views," Cox said, adding that many of them had been recipients of favors in financial and political support from such organizations as the UE, the FTA and the ILWU.

"They have now turned on their backers and fled," said Cox. Only Marcantonio has stood firm, he said, giving the New York Laborite this brudging praise.

Rep. Rankin followed Cox with a speech suggesting that next on the committee's list should be the White House staff, the State and Justice department and the reals who circulate around the Supreme Court.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
 New York 7, New York

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8-25-50

MEMO:

RE:

*PHILIP BART,*  
*IS-C*

On 8-22-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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For original evidence see exhibit # Attached in file # 100-56579.

Description of exhibit:

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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August 29, 1949

Eastern Pennsylvania District Committee

Dear Comrades:

The National Committee, finding it necessary to further strengthen and reinforce its national cadres, requests your District Committee to release your District Chairman, Comrade Phil Bart.

We know that under Comrade Bart's leadership, substantial progress has been made in your district, and that his release will undoubtedly create some immediate problems. Nevertheless, we feel that the general interests of the Party demand that we press our request, as we have had to do with several other Districts.

At this moment and in the future, the interests of the Party demand a great heightening of its propaganda work. With this in mind, we expect that Comrade Bart should take over active Party leadership and coordination of all aspects of literature publication and distribution. At the same time he will also become an active assistant in the work of the Org. Dept.

We would urge that your District Committee undertake to find an immediate replacement of Comrade Bart as District Chairman from among its own ranks. However, before finalizing your opinion, we would appreciate consultation with the National Committee.

We are confident that at this moment, when our Party and its leadership is under such severe attack, that not only will our request be granted but that your District will continue to intensify, extend and deepen its activities on all fronts, among the workers and democratic people's forces in your area.

Comradely yours,

For the National Committee

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**United States Department of Justice**  
 New York 7, New York



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MEMO:

September 19, 1950

RE: **DON AMTER**  
**SECURITY MATTER -C**

On 4-14-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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For original evidence see exhibit # 100 - 20725 in file

Description of exhibit:

A penciled note as follows: "DON AMTER or BILL LERNER, AL 4-700, May Day Committee, 'for PHIL BART'".

cc: NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)✓  
 BILL LERNER, SM-C

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
 Special Agent in Charge





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York 7, New York

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September 25, 1950

MEMO:

RE: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 7-5-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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For original evidence see attached in file # 97-169.

Description of exhibit:

A mimeographed open letter dated 7/2/50, from "Comradely Yours, PHILIP BART" bearing the heading "D.W. Drive Extended to August 1st". The letter states that "Wall Street aggression in Korea and throughout Asia as well as the increased attack at home requires more than ever the widest circulation of our daily press" and that consequently the D.W. drive has been extended till August 1st.

cc: PHILIP BART  
(100- 56579)

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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**D. W. DRIVE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 1ST!**

July 2, 1950

TO ALL DISTRICTS:

Dear Comrades:

Wall Street aggression in Korea and throughout Asia as well as the increased attack at home requires more than ever the widest circulation of our press daily.

Consequently, the special drive for the Daily Worker has been extended to August 1st. There is now an additional month in which to get subscriptions at the reduced rate of \$6.00 per year for the Daily Worker.

Your district has agreed to a goal of \_\_\_\_\_ and reached \_\_\_\_\_. With the additional four weeks, we are confident that you will reach your objective.

Developments in Korea as well as the growing attacks at home require the extensive use of the Daily Worker and The Worker.

We expect increases for the Daily Worker and The Worker, both through bundles and short term subscriptions - 5 Months for One Dollar.

Comradely yours,

*Philip Bart*  
PHIL BART

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York 7, New York

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September 25, 1950

MEMO:

RE: **FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO INC;**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

On 6/27/50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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For original evidence see attached in file # 97-169.

Description of exhibit:

List of 23 Employees of business department with position and weekly salary:

100- 56579- PHIL BART

100- 84147- [redacted]

- MILDRED BUREK

100- 64435- DOROTHY CACCHIONE

100- 85564- SAMUEL DINEEN

(open new cf) [redacted]

(true name- [redacted])

100- 64612- [redacted]

- GEORGE HOLT

100- 83474- [redacted]

100- 63641- [redacted]

100- 78324- [redacted]

100- 14496- MANNY LEVIN

100- 88409- [redacted]

100- 87604- MINNA POLLACK

100- 88606- MELVINA BAUM

100- 72704- [redacted]

100- 81771- DOROTHY ROBINSON

open new cf- [redacted]

100- 59321- [redacted]

100- 85231- [redacted]

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

October 18, 1950

James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

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PHILIP BART, was.

146-7-268-35

Former District Organizer of Communist Party,  
USA, District #3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
Presently being trained as a national leader  
of the Communist Party at New York. General  
Manager of the Daily Worker.

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It will be appreciated if, as expeditiously as possible, you will make available to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the above subject and, further, will have the agent assigned to this case discuss the available evidence with the United States Attorney or his representative. The Department has requested the United States Attorney to examine into the matter for the purpose of determining whether evidence of violation of any Federal statute is available.

The investigative reports indicate that the above subject recently moved to the Southern District of New York. This matter has been referred to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the subject's recent removal, inasmuch as the principal activities occurred within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and venue for any possible criminal prosecution on the basis of such activities will undoubtedly lie within the latter district.

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Director, FBI

PHILIP DART, was.  
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(Bureau file 100-3284)

October 23, 1950

*✓ Marchant*

Attached hereto is a copy of a communication received from Assistant Attorney General James T. McInerney of the Criminal Division.

You are instructed to immediately furnish the appropriate United States Attorney copies of all pertinent reports in the captioned case. Either at this time or as soon thereafter as desired by the United States Attorney, you are personally to make arrangements with the United States Attorney for the Agent who is handling this case in your office to discuss with him the available evidence and determine whether any specific investigation is desired and what action the United States Attorney contemplates taking.

// New York, the present office of origin, should be certain that Philadelphia has copies of all reports in this case.

The identities of confidential informants must not be disclosed to the U. S. Attorney without prior Bureau authority.

The Bureau should be promptly advised of any decision reached by the United States Attorney in this matter.

Enclosure

✓ cc - New York (Encl.)

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# BUILD FREEDOM'S PRESS

Dear Reader:

America has 1,798 daily newspapers that are owned by employers, by members of the National Association of Manufacturers, by Big Business. Their strong opponents are the two newspapers that are supported and kept alive by the working-class: the Daily Worker and The Worker.

Throughout their history, these two papers not only recorded news, they helped to organize and lead struggles for our people's interests that have made news.

Thumb through the history of modern times and you will see it. Scottsboro, Sacco-Vanzetti, the drive to organize the huge open-shop industries, the fight for democracy, for peace, hundreds of other issues, were not merely recorded in the columns of these papers. The Daily Worker and The Worker crusaded on these issues, helped organize the struggles in their behalf.

This is so because ours is a different kind of newspaper. Not only does it print the news, it draws the necessary lessons from events and consequently is a powerful factor in the fight the people wage to help themselves, to help our country.

The overwhelming majority of newspapers will not do that. The brand of the kept press, of Big Business is on them. The same men of Wall Street who own the big industries and who sweat the workers for profits also own the big newspaper industry.

Munsey, who founded the New York Sun, now swallowed up by the Scripps-Howard New York World-Telegram once put it bluntly. "A newspaper," he said, "is an eight percent investment." That was his judgment on the press. But he didn't tell the whole story.

The capitalist newspaper represents the interests of the ruling class. Not yours. Which of their papers ever told the truth about your strikes, your trade unions, your working-class problems? You know the answer to that. Daily they din into the ears of their readers that war is inevitable. They clamor for war against the Soviet Union, New China, the people's democracies. They misrepresent the honest, progressive aims of the Korean people and play Syngman

Rhee, the two-bit Chiang Kai-shek as a popular hero. Daily they apologize for the reactionary policies of Wall Street.

Did they, or did they not, support the Taft-Hartley law while the Daily Worker and The Worker fought it tooth and nail?

Do they not back the fascist-like McCarran Act, refuse to lift a finger to repeal it?

They support the lynch rule of the Southern Bourbons. In a word they are the kept press of Wall Street.

Today papers like the Daily Worker and The Worker are needed as never before. They can be decisive in the struggle for democracy when the McCarrans seek to extinguish the light of liberty. At such a time our press throws a brilliant flood of light which gives initiative and inspiration for the struggles before us.

Therefore we appeal to you, our readers, as we have in the past, to maintain and build the circulation of our press. It is your paper. It speaks for you. It is responsible to you and you are responsible for it.

Our annual circulation drive will start Nov. 15 and run to Jan. 30, 1951. During this period we are out to increase the circulation by obtaining new readers, renewal of subscriptions which expire at the end of this year and increase the circulation through home delivery routes.

We urge you to join this campaign. We call on our readers to form Readers Groups, Press Committees, Friends of The Worker Clubs, to build the circulation of our press. Get your friends in your shop, among your neighbors, among our readers to join with you in this effort. Become a Builder for Freedom's Press.

Reaction would like to destroy your paper. They have predicted its demise a thousand times. But in each case it was only a fool's hope which vanished. We will fool them again. Their hopes and designs upon our country must fail.

So we appeal to you in the next months to join the all-out drive to build the circulation of our press.

PHILIP BART, General Manager  
JOHN GATES, Editor

Watch coming issues for further details and goals in the circulation drive.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
10-30-50

MEMO:

RE: Phil Bart  
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On 10-18-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

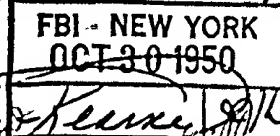
It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of Special Agent H.P. Larson and S.E. [redacted], who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit. b6 b7C

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see attached in file #                     .

Description of exhibit:

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

SAC, NEW YORK

November 1, 1950

SAC, NEW HAVEN

POSSIBLE COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING  
OR COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUP MEETING  
222 Lafayette Street  
New Haven, Conn. - 10/15/50

For the information of the New York and Newark Divisions, an all day Connecticut State Communist meeting was held in New Haven, Connecticut, at 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven, Conn., on October 15, 1950. According to information received from a confidential source of this office, PHIL BART from the National Office of the Communist Party and Editor of the Daily Worker was principal speaker at this meeting. It is noted that at the meeting itself, with the exception of BART, only individuals from Connecticut were in attendance.

It is also to be noted that at approximately the same time that the Connecticut Communist meeting was breaking up that two large busses drove up to the same hall and the individuals in the busses got out and went into 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven, Connecticut. These busses are described as follows:

- No. 1 "Binger For Tours", Bus No. 72 - had New Jersey plate, license number not noted.
- No. 2 "Busses for Hire", No. 330. This bus had New York telephone Plaza 7-3322

In addition to these vehicles, the following automobiles were observed driving to the vicinity of 222 Lafayette Street and the occupants of the vehicles going into the hall: - N. J. License 1V82C and N. Y. License 4C6350.

In addition to the above, it is noted that at approximately 7:00 p.m. there was observed in the vicinity of 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven, Connecticut, a 1949 or 1950 dark blue Ford four door sedan, New York license 2U1029. This car was occupied by an unidentified male and parked in front of the above address. It was further observed that four unidentified women and two

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November 1, 1950

Re: POSSIBLE CP MEETING OR CP FRONT  
GROUP MEETING, 222 Lafayette Street,  
New Haven, Conn. - 10/15/50

unidentified men came from the above address, approached the car, the four women and one man entering instant car, the other unidentified man returning to 222 Lafayette Street. Instant car was surveilled from the above address to the New York State Line via the Merritt Parkway, arriving there at approximately 8:30 p.m. There was no pertinent activity noted concerning this car while in the State of Connecticut.

Description of driver of instant car is described as follows:

Age:	Approximately 35
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Complexion:	Fair
Height:	Approximately 6'
Weight:	180
Appearance:	Rather large nose; wears rimless glasses, dark blue suit, dark gray felt hat.

For the information of the Newark and New York Offices in evaluating the above information, it is noted that 222 Lafayette Street is a hall known as the Ukrainian Hall and this hall is utilized not only by Communist Party groups in the New Haven area but it is also used by Ukrainian language groups.

**STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND CIRCULATION REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 21, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1903, AND JULY 2, 1946 (TITLE 23, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 233) OF THE DAILY WORKER PUBLISHED DAILY AT NEW YORK, N. Y., FOR OCT. 1, 1950.**

1. The names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager are: Publisher, Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y. Editor, John Gates, 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y. Managing editor, Alan Max, 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y. General manager, Philip Bart, 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.

2. The owner is: (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and also immediately thereunder the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual member, must be given.)

Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y. Ferdinand W. Read, 495 W. De La Guerra, Santa Barbara, Calif. Anna Pennypacker, The Monterey, 43d St., Chester Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Susan Woodruff, 12 E. 34th St., New York 3, N. Y. Howard C. Boldt, 60 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y. John Gates, 45-18 42d St., Long Island City, N. Y. Grace Hutchins, 85 Bedford St., New York 14, N. Y.

3. The known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.) None.

4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 include, in cases where the stockholder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting; also the statements in the two paragraphs show the affiant's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner.

5. The average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the 12 months preceding the date shown above was: (This information is required from daily, weekly, semiweekly, and triweekly newspapers only.) 20336. Philip Bart, general manager.

Signed and subscribed before me this 2 day of October, 1950. Carl Bredsky, Notary Public, State of New York, No. 35-6428950. Qualified in New York County. (My commission expires March 20, 1961.)

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STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND CIRCULATION REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1943, AND JULY 2, 1948 (TITLE 29, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 233) OF THE WORKER PUBLISHED WEEKLY AT NEW YORK, N. Y., FOR OCT. 1, 1950.

1. The names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.; Editor, John Gates, 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.; Managing editor, Alan Max, 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.; General manager, Philip Bart, 50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.

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5. The average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the 12 months preceding the date shown above was: (This information is required from daily, weekly, semiweekly, and triweekly newspapers only.) 67199. Philip Bart, general manager.

6. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 1950. Carl Brodsky, Notary Public, State of New York, No. 34428650, Qualified in New York County. (My commission expires March 30, 1951.)

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# Build Freedom's Press

## Seek 20,000 New Subs

A drive for 20,000 new subscriptions to *The Worker* was launched this week, as Philip Bart, general manager, announced an intensive circulation campaign to be held from Nov. 15 to Jan. 31. The drive will also have as its goal the maintenance of a regular daily circulation of 20,000 for the *Daily Worker*.

A series of conferences of Midwest press representatives held in Ohio, Chicago and Michigan over the weekend has already enthusiastically accepted the plans for the drive in their area, the business office reported.

Despite the increased attacks of reaction on the paper, Bart said, its basic circulation is "holding well."

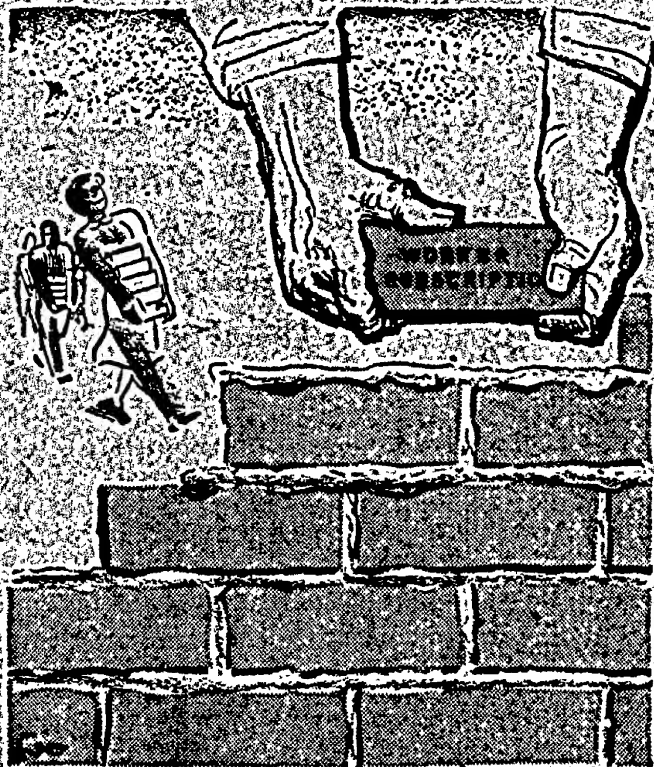
These attacks, he said, are being intensified because *The Worker* is boldly exposing the "schemes and plots" of the warmakers. He cited the fact that such a national magazine as *Collier's* has to devote its chief article of a recent issue to smears against the paper, while "other capitalist sheets spew their venom at our paper daily."

At the same time, Bart pointed out, despite the war drive, the McCarran Law, etc., "the love for liberty is very strong in our land."

The traditions for a free press are very pronounced.

The *Worker* general manager noted that even such organs as Editor and Publisher have been forced to "pay lip service" to the right of free press by acknowledging the *Daily Worker's* right to continue publication.

In launching the circulation drive, Bart said that today, even less than ever before, a working class newspaper cannot depend entirely on the



distribution agencies used by the capitalist press.

He appealed to readers to form readers' groups, local committees and regional groups, as well as to work as individuals to circulate the paper in shops, among trade unionists and in the communities.

The price for a yearly subscription to *The Worker* will continue at \$2.50 during the drive.

Prizes, to be announced in *The Worker*, will be awarded to all persons obtaining five or more subscriptions.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**FILE NO. **100-22157 AEE**

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TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants report PHIL BART has attended several meetings sponsored by District 3, Communist Party, USA, from November 6, 1949 to May 19, 1950. BART employed by District 3, Communist Party, USA, Headquarters until October 7, 1949 and received compensation of \$1,941.48 for year 1949. Subject collected funds from District 3 Headquarters during the National Communist Party Fund Drive in March 1950.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On November 21, 1949, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that PHIL BART had moved from Philadelphia to 263 Atkins Street, Brooklyn, New York, about November 15, 1949.

II. MEMBERSHIP AND POSITION IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

On December 22, 1949, Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, furnished a mimeographed letter addressed to "All Party Clubs" with the return address "Communist Party, 250 South Broad Street, Room 710, Philadelphia 2, Pa." and dated September 7, 1948. This letter was signed "PHILIP BART, Chairman".

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On February 4, 1950 Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that a Communist Party Transfer Form was made out in BART's name indicating that BART was being transferred from the Germantown Section at Philadelphia, Pa., to New York State.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on March 22, 1950 that BART had been carried on the pay roll of the Communist Party, USA, District 3, 250 South Broad Street, from January 1, 1949, to October 7, 1949. In addition to this information, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on February 4, 1950 that the W-2 Income Tax Form for 1949, made out in the name of PHILIP BART, 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, indicated he had received \$1,941.48 in wages and had \$137.40 withheld for Federal Income Tax.

On May 18, 1950 Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, made available a form letter dated May 10, 1950 from the "Daily Worker", 50 East 13th Street, New York 3, New York, which was signed PHILIP BART as General Manager of the "Daily Worker".

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, stated on September 12, 1949 that PHIL BART advised him that date that he had been relieved of his duties as District Organizer, District 3, Communist Party, USA, and was taking a position with the National Organization of the Communist Party, USA. At that time BART said that he had been in Philadelphia as District Organizer since December 1, 1945.

### III. ACTIVITY IN DISTRICT 3, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

The following meetings were attended by the subject in Philadelphia since his move to New York:



<u>Date &amp; Place Of Meeting</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
11/6/49 5266 Parkside Ave.	Party, sponsored by Dist. #3, CP, USA	Present	Trial of 11 CP Leaders	T-6, 11/17/49
11/25/49 Met. Opera House, Broad & Poplar Sts.	"Greet the Communist Leaders" Public, sponsored by Dist. #3, CP, USA	Present	Speech by BENJ. DAVIS piped in over telephone & loud speakers	T-8, of known reliability, 12/2/49; T-6, 12/1/49; T-9, of known reliability, 12/5/49; SAs ROBT. M. GRANT ROBT. V. HANCOCK THERON D. RUSHING [REDACTED]
11/27/49 235 N. Church St., Robeson, Pa.	Dist. #3, CP, USA, Sect. Organizers Meeting (Sections outside Phila.)	Speaker	1950 Elections Labor Movement Party Organi- zation	T-10, of known reliability, 11/29/49
12/17/49 2014 N. 32nd St.	Dist. #3 Committee & Sect. Organizers	Present	General CP Program for Dist. #3	T-10, 12/19/49
12/18/49 1306 N. 7th St.	Membership Leaders Dist. #3, CP, USA, Party & Press Build- ing Conference	Speaker	Discussion of conclusions reached by Natl Officials of CP at Eastern Seaboard Conference in NYC on 11/22/49	T-10, 12/20/49
3/25/50 Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 N. Broad	Friends of Pa. Worker (motivated by Dist. #3, CP, USA)	Speaker	Discussion of accomplishments and needs of CP newspaper "The Worker"	T-9, 3/27/50 T-6, 4/20/50

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<u>Date &amp; Place Of Meeting</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Subject's Function</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Source</u>
3/26/50 Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 N. Broad Basement	Conference sponsored by Dist. #3, CP, USA, on Party & Press Building	Speaker	Preparation for current CP Fund Drive; CP Conference on Nat'l Plenum	T-6, 4/20/50; T-4, 3/28/50; T-8, 4/4/50; T-11, of known reliability, 3/26/50; T-12, of known reliability, 3/26/50.
5/19/50 Hellers Colonial Dining Room, 3729 Spruce St.	Fund Drive Banquet sponsored by Dist. #3, CP, USA	Speaker	Admittance by special invitation to individuals who gave leadership in Fund Drive of Dist. #3, CP, USA.	T-10, 5/22/50

On March 9, 1950 Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised that BEN WEISS, the Treasurer of District 3, Communist Party, USA, had sent \$2,000 of the money collected for the National Communist Party Fund Drive directly to PHIL BART and was to send an additional \$3,000 on March 14, 1950 and \$5,000 on March 21, 1950. The informant understood that originally WEISS made the check out to the Communist Party but BART made arrangements to destroy the first check and WEISS was to send another check made out in the name of the "Daily Worker".

This same informant stated on August 4, 1950 that PHIL BART of Communist Party National Headquarters wanted another \$1,000 from District 3, Communist Party, USA, immediately and on August 15, 1950 the informant advised that this \$1,000 was furnished directly to BART in two installments of \$500 each.

#### IV. KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant T-10 reported that PHIL BART spoke at the Membership Leaders Meeting held the afternoon of December 18, 1949 at 1306 North Seventh Street. T-10 stated that BART was the final speaker

and summarized the agenda of the meeting. According to the informant, BART said that every action led by the Communist Party is to advance the struggle of the workers to a higher class and also to eliminate the capitalistic system, the cause of the workers problem. BART further stated that the lessons of the Communist Information Bureau will be of great help to the Party in the United States and the members should study these lessons carefully and follow their suggestions.

T-10 advised that ROBERT KLONSKY, District 3 Organizational Secretary, had talked at this same meeting and advised all those present to study the lessons of the Communist Information Bureau which were published in the November 29, December 2 and December 9, 1949 issues of the Cominform Newspaper, "For A Lasting Peace, For A People's Democracy!"

In elaboration of a reference to the newspaper "For A Lasting Peace, For A People's Democracy!" and decisions of the Cominform, T-10 said that on the evening of December 18, 1949, a meeting of the Communist Party was held at Garvey Hall, 1609 West Columbia Avenue, in honor of the 70th Birthday of JOSEPH STALIN. Written invitations to the meeting were distributed by the "Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware" and admission was by this invitation only. The informant did not report BART as being present at this meeting although the majority of persons who attended the meeting on the afternoon of December 18, 1949 at 1306 North Seventh Street were also at the evening meeting.

At this latter meeting, ROBERT KLONSKY expounded on the lessons of the Communist Information Bureau and said that in November 1949 a meeting of the Communist Information Bureau was held in Hungary. This meeting was attended by representatives of the Communist Parties of Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Poland, the Soviet Union, France, Czechoslovakia and Italy. An exchange of opinions at this convention resulted in complete agreement by the attendant Communist Party representatives who unanimously adopted corresponding resolutions. KLONSKY said these resolutions were printed in the November 29, December 2, and December 9, 1949 issues of the Cominform Newspaper, "For A Lasting Peace, For A People's Democracy!", an organ of the Information Bureau of the Communist and Workers Party published at 56 Valeriu, Brănești, Bucharest, Bulgaria.

T-10 advised that KLONSKY stated that these resolutions would form a basis for study by the Communist Party, USA, and would constitute the party line for the Communist Party, USA, in 1950 along with the following additional material:

JOSEPH STALIN's "A Political Biography" copyrighted in 1949 by the International Publishers Company, Inc., New York City!

The December 1949 issue of "Political Affairs"

Article "STALIN On His Seventieth Birthday" by ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

Page 18, article "United Front Is The Key To Victory Over Reaction" by GUS HALL.

The December 1949 issue of "Soviet Russia Today"

The three issues of the newspaper, "For A Lasting Peace, For A People's Democracy!" referred to above, as well as the December 1949 issue of "Political Affairs", the book "JOSEPH STALIN, A Political Biography", and the December 1949 issue of "Soviet Russia Today" were obtained at the December 18, 1949 evening meeting at 1609 West Columbia Avenue by the informant and are in the possession of the Philadelphia Field Division.

On December 1, 1949 SAs JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY and HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE overheard the proceedings of a meeting held in Room 307, William Penn Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa. Identifications of those present at this meeting were made by SAs J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY, FRANCIS J. SANDIN, GEORGE A. STRONG, FLAHERTY, GREATHOUSE and Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability.

The following people attended the above meeting and were identified as indicated below:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Pittsburgh (T-15 and SA OUSLEY)  
BENJAMIN CAREATHERS, Pittsburgh (T-15)  
ALEXANDER WRIGHT, Pittsburgh (T-15)  
PHILIP BART, Philadelphia and New York City (T-15 and SAs OUSLEY, STRONG, FLAHERTY and GREATHOUSE)  
EDWARD STRONG, Philadelphia (T-15 and SAs OUSLEY, STRONG, FLAHERTY and GREATHOUSE)  
JOSEPH KUZMA, Philadelphia (SAs OUSLEY, STRONG, FLAHERTY and GREATHOUSE)

ZALMON GARFIELD, Philadelphia (T-15)  
MRS. ZALMON GARFIELD, Philadelphia (T-15)  
THELMA DALE, Philadelphia (T-15)  
HENRY BEITSCHER, Philadelphia (SAs OUSLEY, SANDIN, and  
FLAHERTY)  
ARNOLD JOHNSON, New York City (SAs OUSLEY, GREATHOUSE  
and FLAHERTY)

Further identification of the above named individuals is set  
out below:

ALBERTSON

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability,  
has advised that ALBERTSON is Organizational  
Secretary, District 5, Communist Party, USA.

CAREATHERS

On July 20, 1949, T-15 advised that CAREATHERS acted  
as Treasurer, District 5, Communist Party, USA, when  
WILLIAM ALBERTSON was out of town.

STRONG

Confidential Informant T-10 stated on December 20,  
1949 that STRONG was unanimously elected District  
Organizer, District 3, Communist Party, USA, on  
December 18, 1949 by the District 3 Committee.

KUZMA

On August 3, 1949 Confidential Informant T-5 advised  
KUZMA was Trade Union Secretary, District 3, Communist  
Party, USA.

ZALMON GARFIELD

On February 27, 1949 the "Evening Bulletin", Philadelphia  
newspaper, contained an article stating GARFIELD was  
appointed Pennsylvania State Director of the Progressive  
Party on February 26, 1949. Confidential Informant T-16,  
of known reliability, reported in August 1949 that  
GARFIELD had been a member of District 8, Communist  
Party, USA, in the autumn of 1948.

MRS. ZALMON GARFIELD

On July 13, 1950 Confidential Informant T-15 described  
MRS. GARFIELD as a "Communist Party member".

THELMA DALE

The August 1949 issue of the "Philadelphia Progressive," a pamphlet issued by the Progressive Party of Philadelphia, reflects that DALE joined the Progressive Party staff in Philadelphia as an Organizer on August 1, 1949. Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, stated that DALE was elected to the New York State Committee of the Communist Party at a special State Convention held in July and August 1945 in New York City.

BEITSCHER

Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised in December 1948 that BEITSCHER was the new Regional Director of the Progressive Party in Philadelphia. Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability, has stated that BEITSCHER was a member of the Communist Party and frequently conferred with Communist Party officials concerning matters of mutual interest.

WRIGHT

Confidential Informant T-15 advised that WRIGHT was Regional Director of the Progressive Party in the Pittsburgh area.

JOHNSON

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, on November 30, 1949 described JOHNSON as National Legislative Director of the Communist Party.

At this meeting while discussing the role of the American Labor Party in New York, JOHNSON advised the others present that VISHINSKY was in accord with the attacks of the American Labor Party against DULLES, candidate for U. S. Senator from New York. JOHNSON referred to this action as part of the United Front Campaign. JOHNSON also stated that the Progressive Party or any third party, the Civil Rights Congress and the

National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People should be members of the United Front and thereby the Communist Party would have control of many front organizations.

At this meeting ED STRONG spoke generally of the terms under which the United Front would support candidates in the Pennsylvania elections.

Regarding the United Front Campaign of the Communist Party, Confidential Informant T-10 on November 29, 1949 advised of the following:

PHIL BART attended and spoke at a District 3 Section Organizers Meeting for all sections outside Philadelphia held on November 27, 1949 at the residence of BOB JAFFE, 235 North Church Street, Robesonia, Pa. JAFFE is Section Organizer for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Section. The informant stated that this meeting was attended by representatives from the Southeastern, Anthracite, Wilmington and Lehigh Valley Sections of District 3, as well as BOB KLONSKY, JOE KUZMA and ED STRONG from District 3 Headquarters.

The informant stated that BART stated at this meeting that the Communist Party must develop the role of the Soviet Union to the American working class. BART said that those present must review the Communist Party line as related to the American working class, examine it and learn how to apply it in day to day work. BART said this line of our party is a correct line. The aim of capitalism is to isolate the Communist Party and the left Progressive forces in this country. The Progressive Party is not yet the mover of a broad political movement. The Progressive Party in Pennsylvania must get to work speedily in order to mobilize broad forces. We must become a force in the Political Action Committee and the Labor Education League. The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People has called a conference on Civil Rights from January 15 to January 17, 1950 in Washington, D. C. This conference can be made into a broad peoples conference. The Communist Party must use its influence in shaping resolutions for this conference and must continue the fight for a United Front action for the interests of the working class.

At this same meeting, ED STRONG stated that the Communist Party must employ United Front tactics and ROBERT KLONSKY spoke concerning the character of the Communist Party's work in the United Front Campaign. KLONSKY stated that party clubs must become the center for United Front action and that the Communist Party must move its membership out into the masses.

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KLONSKY also stated that on December 21, 1949 a book would be published honoring the birthday of JOSEPH STALIN, and this book should be made the basis for an ideology study of the Communist Party's aims and purposes for all Communist Party members.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

This report was written to report the information included in the files of the Philadelphia Division since the report of SA BERNARD J. CONNELL dated December 8, 1949.

A copy of this report is being furnished the U. S. Attorney at Philadelphia in compliance with referenced Bureau letter.

REFERENCE: Bureau letters dated October 20, 1950 and October 23, 1950, to Philadelphia.

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- T-1 ED YATES, Clerk, 30th Street Post Office, Philadelphia, who furnished information to SA BERNARD J. CONNELL.
- T-2 An anonymous source
- T-3 [redacted] Philadelphia and Delaware County, Pennsylvania State Employment Service, Room 1217, 1405 Locust Street, Philadelphia, who advised SA WILLIAM B. WELTE that he examined the pay roll records of District 3, Communist Party, USA. [redacted] requested that his identity be kept confidential because of the type of information given. b6 b7C b7D
- T-4 [redacted] 3/28/50 to SA JAMES E. HELMER;  
5/18/50 to SAs JAMES E. HELMER and HERBERT F. GREATHOUSE.
- T-5 [redacted] 9/12/49 to SA CHARLES E. TRAVELSTEAD;  
8/3/49 to SE [redacted]
- T-6 [redacted] Information furnished on all dates to SA HOWARD A. SEARL. b6 b7C b7D
- T-7 An anonymous source
- T-8 [redacted] Information furnished on all dated to SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES.
- T-9 [redacted] Information furnished on all dated to SA [redacted]
- T-10 [redacted] Information furnished on all dates to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN.
- T-11 PH-119. Information furnished to SAs WILLIAM H. NAYLOR and WILLIAM E. HUGHES.
- T-12 A photographic surveillance conducted by SAs [redacted]  
[redacted]
- T-13 PH-79, 3/9/50 to SE [redacted]  
3/8/50 to SE RAYMOND P. LEFFLER;  
8/4 and 15/50 to SE [redacted] b6 b7C
- T-14 PAC-49, 11/30/49 to SE WALTER J. SEARLE, JR.

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- T-15 Pittsburgh CNDI [ ] to SA JOSEPH F. CONDON on December 9, 1949 to SA [ ] on 7/13/50, 7/20/50.
- T-16 Chicago [ ] to SA HERBERT C. POHLMANN on 8/30/49.
- T-17 New York [ ] as set out originally in the report of SA JOSEPH J. PHELAN dated 5/23/47 at New York entitled, "THELMA MARIE DALE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".
- T-17 PHT-47 to SE WILLIAM P. HOLLOWAY on 12/6/48.
- T-18 WFO [ ] as set out originally in the report of SA [ ] dated 12/7/48 at Washington, D. C., entitled, "ROY HUDSON WELLS, was.; SECURITY MATTER - C".

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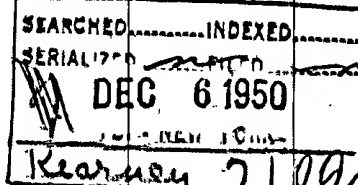
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>Color: white Sex: male Residences: 263 Atkins St., Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1950 5427 4th Ave., Detroit, Mich. in 1929 290 Larnsworth, in 1928 (appears on print #33112) Date of Birth: June 28, 1902 Place of Birth given as: Poland New York, New York, Height: 5 feet 8 inches Weight: 165 pounds Complexion: medium Hair: brown Eyes: brown Build: medium Scars and Marks: scar on chin</p> <p>Fingerprint Classification: 16 0 25 Wr L 23 W 13</p> <p>The fingerprint file of this individual includes a photograph.</p> <p>This individual may be identical with Bureau File #100-3284.</p> <p>In reply to Chicago Office letter dated 3-12-46, this record as of that time was furnished as may be identical. The Chicago Office letter showed the following caption:</p> <p>Re: PHILIP BART was. INTERNAL SECURITY - C (100-2644)</p>			

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MEMO:

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12/7/50

RE: CPUSA-PRESS & PUBLICATIONS  
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On 11/21/50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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Description of exhibit:

A typewritten open letter dated 11-17-50, addressed to "Dear Comrade" from Phillip Bart, stating that the Secretariat has set up a special committee to be responsible for the Party's efforts in the national press drive, and the first meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, November 21, 2 P.M., at the National Office.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
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(PHILLIP BART, H/S/C)

DIRECTOR, FBI

December 13, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bufile Number 100-2384)

Re Baltimore teletype dated November 23, 1950.

Records of United States District Court, Washington, D.C., in the case of United States versus PHILIP BART, criminal number 1746-50, reflect that the Grand Jury was impaneled on October 3, 1950, was sworn in on October 4, 1950, and returned a True Bill against BART, charging that on June 21, 1950, BART appeared as a witness before a sub-committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D.C., and refused to answer pertinent questions asked him by the Committee. The indictment includes 32 counts, which consist of the 32 questions asked the defendant that he refused to answer. The indictment was filed in open court on November 20, 1950.

The presentment, dated November 16, 1950, charging the defendant with violation of Section 192, Title 2, United States Code, was filed on November 20, 1950.

The defendant was arraigned in United States District Court for the District of Columbia on November 24, 1950, before Judge BURNITA S. MATTHEWS. He entered a plea of not guilty. DAVID REIN appeared as the defendant's attorney for the arraignment only.

Bond was set at \$1500.00 and was presented on November 24, 1950, by ROY WOOD in the form of two United States Treasury bonds in amounts of \$500.00 and \$1000.00 respectively. It is noted that ROY WOOD is chairman of the Communist Party for the District of Columbia.

It is further noted that no warrant was issued for the defendant's arrest, and that he appeared voluntarily.

Washington Field Office will follow and report further court action in this matter.

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# Indict UE Leaders, 'Worker' Manager For Defying House Un-Americans

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—National leaders of the United Electrical Workers were indicted here today by a federal Grand Jury for contempt of the House Un-Americans. Also indicted was Philip Bart, General Manager of the Daily Worker and The Worker.

Altogether, 12 were indicted. All were ordered arraigned Friday.

Juhus Zimspak, UE's secretary-treasurer, was indicted on 68 counts, leaving him open to 68 years in jail and \$63,000 in fines if convicted. Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, was indicted on 32 counts. Mrs. Louise Berman was indicted on 25 counts. Both told the committee in hearings conducted this year, that the Constitution protected them from the committee's traps.

Indictments were also handed down against: James J. Matles, UE organizational director, seven counts; Thomas Quinn, UE leader in Pittsburgh, one count; Frank Panzino, UE leader in Pittsburgh, three counts; Talmadge Raley, UE leader in Cincinnati, 11 counts; Esther Tice, UE leader in Cincinnati, three counts; Clarence Hisk, atomic scientist of Brooklyn, three counts; James Branca, former Washington, D. C., teacher, eight counts, and Frank Hasbmall, Cincinnati, five counts.

The 12 were among a group of 56 witnesses cited by Congress for contempt of the committee last August. Of this group, 33 were residents of the Island of Oahu in Hawaii. A federal grand jury there had already indicted all 33.

William Hitz, U. S. attorney said indictments against the remaining

five committee victims was "imminent." The five are Steve Nelson, Pittsburgh Communist leader; Martel Scherer, New York Labor Peace Committee coordinator; Giovanni Rossi Lomanitz, David J. Bohm and Irving D. Fox, all physicists.

Charles, another U. S. attorney, said arrangements have already been made to arraign the 12 in U. S. District Court here Friday. Murray said the surrender of eight of the 12 has already been indicated. He said warrants for the remaining four would probably be issued. These four are Bart, Hasbmall, Branca and Hisk.

Trial dates will be set upon arraignment, Murray said.

In New York, Phil Bart declared: "This is a McCarran indictment of myself by the Washington Grand Jury. It has already netted among its victims many Americans among whom is its outstanding prisoner, Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, who is now serving in West Street jail under a similar indictment which has grown out of the Un-American Committee's actions. I, like all other victims of this committee, am confident that we will be vindicated by history before the American people."

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# CP Names Committee To Spark 'Worker' Drive

The National Committee of the Communist Party followed up its support of the national circulation drive of the Daily Worker and The Worker by announcing the formation of a national press committee to mobilize its forces in this drive. It announced the following members to serve on this committee: Gus Hall, National Secretary; Henry Winston, Organizational Secretary; Gil Green, Illinois Communist Party chairman; Carl Winter, Michigan C.P. chairman; Robert Thompson, New York C.P. chairman; Andrew Remes, Ohio C.P. Chairman; Benjamin Davis, former New York City Councilman and a member of the C.P.'s National Committee; Marth Stone, New Jersey C.P. Chairman; Edward Strong, Eastern Pennsyl-

vania C.P. Chairman; John Gates, National Committee member; Norman Shrank, assistant organizational secretary of the New York state organization; Michael Russo, assistant national organization secretary; and Phil Bart, General Manager of the Daily Worker and The Worker.

The committee designated Gus Hall as its chairman and Phil Bart as secretary.

This committee will help the paper's circulation drive in line with the Communist Party's statement that "only Communist initiative and organization-individual and collective-can guarantee the continued existence and growth of the press the American working people want and need more than before."

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New York, New York

November 18, 1950

MEMO:

Re: PHILLIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On November 16, 1950, ND-516, of known reliability, advised that on this date PHIL BART (General Manager, "Daily Worker") informed BEN DAVIS, (Chairman, National Negro Commission, CP USA) that the press committee meeting which was scheduled for today had been postponed until 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER,

cc: 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)

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Dec. 18, 1950

MEMO:

RE: Phil Bart,  
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On 12-8-50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION

"The Role of the Party"

Speaker: Phil Bart, General Manager DAILY WORKER

Thursday, December 7 ~ 8 P.M.

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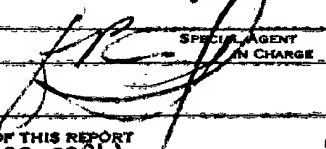
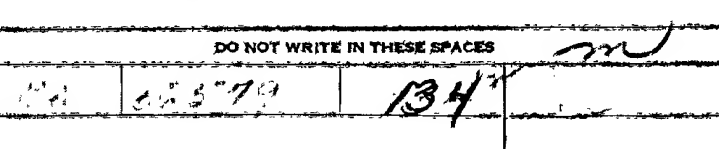
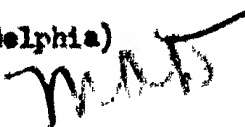
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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/28/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/17-12/15/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN J. KEARNEY</b>
TITLE  <b>PHILIP BART, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Subject resides at 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Continues employment with Freedom of the Press, Inc., as General Manager of "Daily Worker," and "Worker." Cited for Contempt of Congress by House Un-American Activities Committee 8/11/50. Indicted 11/20/50 by DOJ, Washington, D.C. for contempt because he refused to answer pertinent questions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that PHILIP BART continues to reside at 263 Atkins Avenue with his wife CONNIE BART.</p> <p>Current issues of December, 1950 of the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" continue to list PHIL BART as General Manager of these papers.</p> <p>On March 6, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that the subject received a salary of \$55.00 per week from the Freedom of the Press, Inc., publisher of the "Worker" and "Daily Worker."</p> <p>This same Informant was contacted again on October 18, 1950 and stated that BART had received no increase in salary and was still being carried as earning \$55.00 per week.</p> <p>Confidential Informant T-2 stated that on August 29, 1949 the Comrades of Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party had been re-</p>			
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requested by the National Committee of the Communist Party to release PHILIP BART, the District Chairman. The National Committee in doing this felt that in the general interest of the Party the addition of BART to the national cadre would tend to further strengthen and reinforce that cadre.

The Informant stated that the Party, in the heightening of its propaganda work, would expect BART to take over active Party leadership in coordination of all aspects of literature publication and distribution. The National Committee also felt that BART would be able to become an active assistant in the work of the Organization Department.

On February 4, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that PHILIP BART had paid his dues to the Germantown Section of the Communist Party at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, through December, 1949. This Informant stated that BART had been transferred from the Germantown Section of the Communist Party at Philadelphia to the New York State Communist Party. The Informant stated that BART would reside at 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 23, 1950, Page 5, Column 1, carries a column which reflects that PHILIP BART was named General Manager of the paper. The column states, "The management of the 'Daily Worker' is happy to announce PHIL BART will take over the position of general manager. Active for over 25 years in the labor and Communist movement, BART has helped to found and build trade unions in many parts of the country. He has held leading Communist Party posts in Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana and comes to us after serving as chairman of the Party in Eastern Pennsylvania.

"We are confident PHIL BART will have the full cooperation of our readers and the progressive movement in his efforts to bring about a year in circulation growth of 'The Worker' and 'Daily Worker'."

On March 20, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the subject, as a promotional idea for further interesting new circles in "The Worker", had advised all districts of the Communist Party that the issue of "The Worker", Sunday, April 16, would be devoted to the birthday anniversary of THOMAS JEFFERSON and the fifth anniversary of the death of FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. The Informant stated that BART felt that certain other special editions had obtained new friends, so would this edition, and therefore urged all districts to attempt to get new literature for "The Worker."

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 11, 1950, Page 11, Column 1, carried an article by DAVID PLATT, "Daily Worker" movie critic, concerning the review by the "Daily Worker" of an ad from the Eagle Lion Films

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for the film "GUILTY OF TREASON." The article quotes the subject as saying: "We reserve the right to reject any advertisement which we consider detrimental to the policies which we support. In respect to advertising, 'Daily Worker' policy is the same as that of all other peoples, except we don't pretend to hide the fact that we reject ads injurious to labor and the nation. Other papers reject all kinds of advertising openly, at the same time posing as defenders of freedom of the press."

Confidential Informant T-2, on March 31, 1950, advised that a meeting of the New York County Press Directors was called for on April 12, 1950 at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. At this meeting Informant stated that BART was going to deliver the main address relating to the recent National Committee meeting.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that PHILIP BART was scheduled to address the Kings County Section of the Communist Party, the club press directors, and representatives of all industrial concentration clubs on April 20, 1950 at 363 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. BART's speech was concerned with a report on the recent national plenum, mainly dealing with the utilities of the Communist Party Press and its use in club concentration work.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 16, 1950, Page 9, Column 1, reflects that PHILIP BART, "Daily Worker" business manager, had addressed a meeting of 125 club representatives of the Kings Highway Region, Communist Party, New York State, on May 14, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that PHILIP BART was a member of the National Finance Committee, Communist Party, USA. The Informant stated that BART was present at a meeting of the Finance Committee on May 31, 1950, which was held at National Communist Party Headquarters, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 21, 1950, Page 2, Column 4, carries the following item:

**"UN-AMERICANS SUMMON 'WORKER' MANAGER TODAY"**

"PHILIP BART, general manager of the Daily Worker, has been called for questioning this morning before the House Un-American Committee in Washington.

"Rep. John E. Wood (D-Ga), chairman of the committee, signed the summons. Wood did not state the matters on which he proposes to question BART. The calling of the manager of a newspaper which has been playing a leading role in the fight for peace, indicated that the committee may be opening a new campaign of warmongering."

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The New York Times issue of June 22, 1950 carried an article concerning subject's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article states, ".....One witness, PHILIP A. BART of New York, general manager of 'The Daily Worker,' Communist newspaper, accused the committee of ignoring the due process of law. Another, MARCEL SCHERER, a former West Coast labor leader whom the committee apparently attempted to link with 'leaks' of atomic secrets from the University of California's radiation laboratory at Berkeley, refused to answer most questions.

"Representative FRANCIS E. WALTER, Democrat of Pennsylvania, and acting committee chairman, said the group would meet Friday to decide whether one or two more test cases would be added to the thirty-nine from Hawaii.

"A constitutional issue, it appeared from today's questioning, was whether a witness, conceded to be immune from giving answers that might incriminate himself, could also refuse, under the Fifth Amendment, to answer questions concerning someone else. Many of today's questions called upon the witnesses to say whether to their knowledge, other persons were Communists.

"Mr. BART, a native of Poland, who acquired citizenship through the naturalization of his father early in the century, declined to tell his original name. The change of name, he said, was legal and he was voting under it. Mr. SCHERER, originally a Rumanian, was not asked about a possible change.

"Largely under investigation, however, was a passport application made in 1932 that sought entry to Europe of one JOHN WILLIAM FOX. The committee wanted to know whether this was really Mr. BART. Mr. SCHERER appeared to have endorsed the passport request. Both witnesses refused to discuss it.

"FRANK S. TAVENNER, Jr., committee counsel, said the group had evidence that Mr. SCHERER had attended the MARX-LENIN Institute in Moscow for revolutionary training in such operations as strike strategy, military science, codes, street fighting and civil warfare. He showed Mr. SCHERER a copy of a passport application containing his name and a photograph of the applicant. Mr. SCHERER declined to answer questions about it.

"Mr. BART, to whom a copy of the 'FOX' passport application was shown, declined to identify or repudiate it. ABRAHAM UNGER of New York, his counsel, denounced the committee's proceedings as 'highly improper'.

"On several occasions the touch-and-go of hot argument threw the hearing into confusion. As Mr. BART's hearing closed, he was standing and shouting that the committee questions were aimed at incriminating

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"him and 'my party.'"

"Mr. WALTER retorted: 'If you think so much of the Constitution which you are hiding behind you will be willing to cooperate with this committee in finding out what alleged Americans attended the Marx-Lenin Institute'."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 22, 1950, Page 3, Column 1, carries an article concerning the House investigation. The article states:

"In fast and furious verbal battles that had the House Un-American Committee reeling PHILIP BART, general manager of the Daily Worker today condemned the committee to its face for attempting to curtail freedom of the press.

"The Un-Americans' move obviously had as one of its aims the smearing of the Daily Worker for having publicized the involvement of Un-Americans' chairman JOHN S. WOOD (D-Ga) in a \$1,000 kickback from a man who collected a \$10,000 claim from the government.

"BART forced the committee to retreat from its line of questioning about the Daily Worker when he told them that the committee was 'infringing on the First Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees freedom of the press'.

"When the committee's hour-long fishing expedition involving passports and names was brought to an end by acting chairman FRANCIS WALTERS (D-Pa), BART boomed that the committee was trying to 'send all America to jail'.

"Asked by reporters whether BART would be cited for contempt, WALTER said he saw no reason 'why we shouldn't proceed against him on a charge of contempt'.

"Throughout the questioning, BART repeated his condemnations of the committee. He reiterated that the committee did not seek answers to questions, but sought to frame him as it had done many others.

"Obviously ruffled by the sharp attack, the sharpest experienced by the committee in the last two years, WALTERS growled, 'If you thought as much of the Constitution as you say you do, instead of hiding behind it you'd help the committee find out how subversives went to Moscow for training'.

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"I will never be a part of this committee's attempt to send all America to jail," BART exclaimed. He rose to his feet with more denunciations of the committee's attempt to smear him and jail him 'as you have done to others'. WALTERS banged his gavel, and the committee strode from the hearing room."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 30, 1950 carried an article entitled, "DAILY WORKER MANAGER CITED FOR UN-AMERICANISM." The article relates:

"PHILIP BART, Daily Worker manager, was cited for 'contempt' today by the House Un-American Committee. BART had refused to answer questions by the Un-Americans, and had invoked the constitutional right not to testify against himself.

"Victims of the Un-Americans' latest attempt to jail progressives now includes STEVE NELSON, chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania as well as 39 residents of Hawaii.

"PHILIP BART, informed of the citation against him, declared yesterday:

"Although one chairman of the House Un-American Committee was convicted of defrauding the United States government, and its present chairman is under suspicion of using his position for private gain - this thought-police outfit still presumes to pass judgment on the political beliefs of honest people. A contempt citation from this Committee has become a citation for honorable service in the cause of world peace and the welfare of the American people.

"In my case, it is also a sneak attack on the Daily Worker, and therefore an attack against freedom of the press.

"Others, not I, are in contempt of the U.S. Constitution and the United Nations Charter. They have most recently shown their contempt for the will of peace-loving Americans by waging, undeclared war against the people of Korea and Asia'."

On June 8, 1950, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that BART was concerned about a decrease in the circulation of the "Daily Worker." As a result, BART sent a letter to all districts on June 2, 1950 urging them to stimulate the subscription drive for the "Daily Worker," which was under way at that time.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of August 13, 1950, Page 2, Column 3, states "THE HOUSE ON FRIDAY CITED PHIL BART, MANAGER OF THE DAILY WORKER FOR CONTEMPT OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES," and then rapidly cited 53 other witnesses who had refused to act as accomplices in Un-American witch-hunts. In an attached column BART was quoted as follows:

"The congressional citation against me as against all others is aimed at stifling all voices fighting for peace. In my case it is especially directed towards the suppression of the lone daily voice, the Daily Worker, which is fighting for the peace of our country and against the Wall Street warmakers.

"But the Daily Worker cannot be jailed. Its voice cannot be silenced. With every attack it will win new support in the fight to save our country from the scourge of a new world war and fascism."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 21, 1950 carried an article "INDICT U E LEADERS, 'WORKER' MANAGER FOR DEFLYING HOUSE UN-AMERICANS." This article was datelined Washington, D.C., November 20. The article states, "National leaders of the United Electrical Workers were indicted here today by a Federal Grand Jury for contempt of the House Un-Americans. Also indicted was PHILIP BART, General Manager of the 'Daily Worker' and 'The Worker'....In New York, PHIL BART declared: 'This is a MC CARRAN indictment of myself by the Washington Grand Jury. It has already netted among its victims many Americans, among whom is its outstanding prisoner, EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the Communist Party, who is now serving in the West Street Jail under a similar indictment which has grown out of the Un-American Committee's actions. I, like all other victims of the Committee, am confident that we will be vindicated by history before the American people.'"

"Political Affairs" issue of May, 1950, on Page 168, carries an article by PHIL BART, entitled, "MAKE THE COMMUNIST PRESS A POWERFUL ORGAN OF STRUGGLE." (Extended Remarks to the Plenum). The article states:

"The report of Comrade WINSTON lays down the main approach and objectives in the strengthening of our Party, increase of its membership, and building of our press. His report gave main emphasis to the implementation of our policy of industrial concentration, by means of which our Party can and will deeply root itself in the basic section of the American working class. I wish to single out for more detailed attention one phase of this task and perspective - increasing the circulation and extending the influence of our press, THE WORKER and the DAILY WORKER.

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"Our Party, from the day of its founding, has recognized the need and fought for the establishment of a daily Marxist-Leninist newspaper. With deep pride, we proclaimed in a front-page editorial appearing in the very first issue of the DAILY WORKER, January 13, 1924.....'The first English-language Communist Daily in the world has been realized.'

"Although our Party was much smaller at that time than it is today, its influence weaker and its resources more meager, it undertook the task of publishing a daily newspaper; for it recognized the indispensability, for all our Party's work, of a regularly-published, daily Communist press. Our agitational work cannot be anywhere near adequate in the absence of a newspaper that speaks up daily on the issues confronting the working class and the people, interprets them, and helps mobilize and organize the masses for struggle.

#### "SPECIAL TASK OF THE COMMUNIST PRESS

"The main task of the Communist press in the United States today is to help develop a broad united-front movement of the working class and its allies for democracy, peace and security. Our press must be a powerful organ providing day-to-day guidance in the struggle to bridle the warmongers. It must be a force in the struggle for Negro rights and in labor's fight for higher wages and against the reactionary measures directed against it. It must champion the defense of the Communist Party and all democratic rights of individuals and organizations, now seriously threatened by the Mundt-Fergusons and all other un-Americans. The duty of the Communist press is to crusade on these issues among the millions, in the first place among the workers in the basic industries.

"There are other voices that appeal for united action on various issues and levels of organization. But our press has a special task to perform in developing the united action of the working class, and that is to develop and deepen the class-consciousness of the workers, for the united-front movement can reach higher levels only to the extent that the class-consciousness of the workers, Negro and white, grows and matures. Only when the workers fully grasp the historic role that they can and must play in the anti-imperialist struggle can they make their full strength felt in leading the movement for peace. Only to the extent that their class consciousness is developed can the workers give leadership - staunch, undeviating leadership - to the other classes and sections of the population whose interests and aspirations are menaced by Wall Street imperialism.

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"The development of the class consciousness of the workers, as the great guiding spirits and leaders of Communism have many times emphasized, is not an automatic or spontaneous process. It requires the proper fulfillment by the Party of its vanguard role. It requires today the waging of an all-out ideological battle for the exposure and refutation of the Red-baiters and Soviet-baiters, of the cynical imperialist demagoguery of Truman, Acheson and the bipartisans, of the class-collaborationist and pro-war policies and practices of the Social-Democratic and reformist trade-union top leadership.

"That is why the building of the Communist press is of such mighty importance in developing every phase of our work. Press building goes hand in hand with the carrying out of our policy of industrial concentration, of firmly rooting our Party among the workers in the main plants and industries of our country and winning their support and confidence through vanguard participation and guidance in their day-to-day struggles.

"We must help develop higher forms of class solidarity. It begins with the picket line, but proceeds to the recognition that the interests of the capitalists and the workers clash on every issue.

"We should constantly look to the experiences of the Bolshevik Party of Lenin and Stalin, which teach us the vital role of the press in the struggle of the working class. The Bolshevik press played a vital part in raising the class consciousness of the Soviet workers, in building the strong ties between the Party and the masses. PRAVDA was in the center of every struggle, of every united-front movement. In the words of Comrade STALIN:

"The PRAVDA of 1912 was the laying of the cornerstone of Bolshevism in 1917.

"With proper attention and work by our whole Party, the American workers can and will come to see in the Daily Worker, their own paper, their best supporter.

"Comrade FOSTER in his greetings to this Plenum and Comrade WINSTON in his report have stressed the need for the Party's developing the ideological struggle on every front. This is absolutely necessary."

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The confidential files of Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, contain the name of PHILIP BERAL. The following information is noted in these files:

PHILIP BERAL was issued Passport #149013 on December 12, 1929. In his passport application, he stated he was born at Warsaw, Poland on June 28, 1902, that he emigrated to the United States in August, 1914 and from 1914 to 1929, he lived in New York; however, he gave as his permanent address on this application, 671 Hague Street, Detroit, Michigan.

This application further showed that BERAL's father was BENJAMIN BERAL and that he was born in 1882 in Warsaw, Poland and was naturalized in the Southern District of New York on December 7, 1920.

This application reflected that BERAL intended to visit England, France, Germany and Poland as a tourist and to visit relatives. He described himself as follows:

Height	5'8"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

He desired that his passport be forwarded to him at 308 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The identifying witness on this application was MILTON R. FELDMAN, 1470 No. Euclid Street, Detroit, Michigan.

The files of Informant T-5 further reflect that the records of the World Tourist Inc., show that BERAL's transportation was charged to the Communist Party and that BERAL was a PRIMOFF student and a T.U.U.L. delegate.

GEORGE PRIMOFF was the financial advisor of the Communist Party for a number of years and, according to witnesses in the EARL BROWDER case, the PRIMOFF account was actually the account of the Communist Party.

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Will continue to follow and report the activities  
of the subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, dated December 28, 1950, at New York, are identified as follows;

- T-1      HERBERT HOPKE, mail carrier, New Lots Post Office, who furnished information to SA [ ] on December 13, 1950, b6 b7C
- T-2      ND-426
- T-3      Anonymous as reflected in Philadelphia letter dated March 21, 1950 entitled, " PHIL BART - INTERNAL SECURITY - C."
- T-4      [ ], contacted by SA JOHN E. KEARNEY. b7D
- T-5      ASHLEY J. NICHOLAN, Assistant Chief, Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D.C.

REFERENCE:      Report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, New York, 4/17/50.

Director, FBI

December 28, 1950

SAC, New York

PHILIP BART, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bufile 100-3284)

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Rebulet to Philadelphia 10/23/50.

The report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, dated 12/28/50, at New York, contains the current information of Communist activities of subject.

Enclosed to Philadelphia with this letter is a photostatic copy of the report of SA JOHN V. JACKSON, dated August 2, 1950 at Washington, D.C., entitled as above.

This report sets out information on one JOHN WILLIAM FOX who was issued a passport on May 9, 1932 concerning which passport BART was questioned before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

cc: Philadelphia (Encls.1)

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New York, New York

January 11, 1951

MEMO:

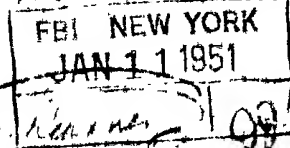
Re: PHILIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On January 8, 1951, ND-516, of known reliability, advised that PHILIP BART (General Manager, "Daily Worker") arranged to have a conference at 2:00 P.M. on that date with DAVE FREEDMAN (CP Attorney and partner of ABE UNGER). The informant stated that an individual identified only as RALPH was also to be present at this conference.

ALFRED B. NOVAK, SA

cc: 100-58757 (DAVID FREEDMAN)  
100-73561 (ABRAHAM UNGER)

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# Worker' Home Delivery Planned

One of the aims of The Worker's circulation drive is the development of bundle deliveries on a permanent daily and weekly basis. Phil Bart, general manager of The Worker and Daily Worker said this week.

These deliveries to home and shops will be developed into a nationwide system, he stressed.

Unlike other newspapers, said Bart, our system of deliveries depend upon conscientious support from readers who will take a bundle of papers into their shops and communities on a regular basis.

A goal of 4,500 daily and weekly deliveries is set for New York City, he stressed.

A WORKING CLASS newspaper, Bart declared, cannot depend on the same methods used by capitalist newspapers. Experience

has shown that support for the newspaper - financial and circulation - depends on conscientious readers who will through their own efforts spread the newspaper and work for the goals of peace and security which the paper advances, he asserted.

A drive for 20,000 new subscriptions to The Worker has been launched for the period between November 15 and January 31, 1951. The drive will also have as its goal the maintenance of a regular daily circulation of 20,000 for the Daily Worker. The price for a yearly subscription to The Worker will continue at \$2.50 during the drive.

Thirty outstanding prizes have been announced for the top subscribers.

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# An Open Letter to the Newsdealers of New York

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The following open letter was addressed yesterday by Phil Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker and The Worker, to New York newsdealers:

Dear Newsdealers: You are good Americans with a living to make. You believe in the Bill of Rights which guarantees the freedom of the press. That means, you will agree, freedom to print what you oppose, as well as what you favor. We don't know what your politics are, but that's not the issue.

The issue is America's Constitution. Begin making exceptions in one case and you end up by destroying freedom for all.

This is why the widespread protest is rising against the illegal proposals to ban the Daily Worker and The Worker by the officials of the Newsdealers' Association. Prompt opposition has come from varied groups, newspapers and unions throughout the country. The American Civil Liberties Union has already branded the ban as an interference with violation of the fundamental rights of the press.

The influential, conservative Washington Post said the same thing. "The traditional democratic practice," it said editorially, has been to let the public read what it wants to read and be its own judge.

The vice-president of the American Newspaper Guild of New York (CIO) has protested. So has the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Even the Daily News and the World-Telegram didn't like the idea.

They know that if you begin with this newspaper, it can spread to any newspaper. The little white-haired woman at the meeting Sunday put it best, right out of her own experience. "This will establish a bad precedent," she said, "that will hurt us all. Ban the Worker and what's next? Some of my customers already say 'Ban that Jew paper, the Post.' Others say they don't like the Compass. After a while Republicans will say ban a Democratic paper. It will end up hurting everybody and only the paper that the people in power like will be the one we can sell."

She was right.

That's what happens when censorship begins. Out it goes, you like, William Richter's proposals mean censorship.

He is in a conspiracy against the Bill of Rights.

Many newsdealers have already made their views known. They oppose this unconstitutional proposal. They say they have the right to sell any newspaper they please. They have that right.

Richter is trying to create an atmosphere of hysteria in this matter for his own purposes. He talks now of a referendum, not only of the members of the association, but of ALL newsdealers. He needs to ring in all the city's newsdealers into this trouble he's started.

We are certain you will agree with the Constitution, not with Richter, and the shadowy forces he's fronting for. You agree, we are sure, with the millions in New York who say they have a right to read what they want to read.

Sincerely,

General Manager  
Daily Worker and Worker

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*TO*  
*J. J. Kennedy*

New York 7, New York

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1/26/51

MEMO:

RE: PHIL BART  
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On 12/11/50, Confidential Informant ND 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E, 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of Special Agent WESLEY T. WHALEY and S.E.-A.E.FALLER, who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit.

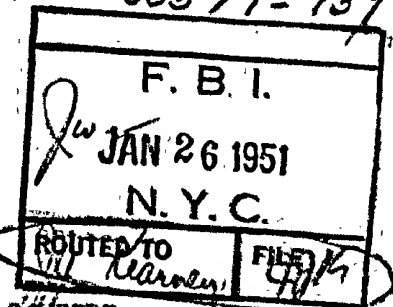
Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see attached in file #                     .

Description of exhibit:

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge



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Sept. 22, 1960

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Hasthorne, Calif.b6  
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Dear [redacted]

Please accept my apology for not replying any earlier as I have been out of town and your letter was just called to my attention.

I am sending you a photograph although I do not know whether it is suitable for your needs.

Congressman Noode was not the chairman at the hearing of the Un-American Committee when I appeared before it. It was a sub-committee and its chairman was Francis M. Walter of Pennsylvania.

There was a definite anti-Semitic tone to the hearing as there has been on all other occasions. While the chairman played his part with an anti-Semitic undertone to all of his questions, the main task was left to the Counsel for the Committee, Frank S. Tamm, Jr., who is a Southerner and does not leave any doubt of his hatred for Jews. Let me state that this was done not only against myself but also my attorney, Abraham D. Katz, who is a member of the firm of Ungar, Freedman & Fleischer.

The first attempt in this respect was the question about my birthplace, which happens to be Warsaw, Poland. I came to this country at the age of eleven.

Secondly, there was an effort to bring this question in again under the interrogation as to my name which is legally Philip Hart, and this fact is known by the Committee.

Furthermore, in the course of the questioning, major reference was made to Jewish organizations. For instance, one of the questions was whether I had any knowledge of the Jewish People's Committee, an organization which existed some ten or twelve years ago in the City. I happen to know nothing about it. My field of work over many years did not bring me in touch with any Jewish organization, although I have been active in movements in the interests of the Jewish people. But the question had a definite purpose

# 18 Must Face Trial On 'Contempt' Charges

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Admitting that the Supreme Court decisions in the Blau cases apply to witnesses before congressional committees, Judge James R. Kirkland ruled,

nevertheless, that 18 witnesses who invoked the Fifth Amendment must stand trial for contempt of Congress.

Among the 18 is Philip Hart, business manager of the Daily Worker, who last summer refused to answer questions of the House Un-American Committee concerning the Communist Party on the ground that his answers might tend to incriminate him.

Kirkland held that a witness is within his rights under the Constitution to remain silent before a congressional committee when his answers might lead to prosecution.

But he asserted that a person who invoked this privilege must stand trial and prove that he did so "properly."

As a result of this ruling, the 18 witnesses must submit to lengthy legal procedures at the cost of both time and money.

In the Federal District Court in Honolulu recently, Judge Mitzger directed the acquittal without trial of 39 persons charged, on similar grounds, with contempt of the Un-American Committee.

Kirkland also ruled that a witness can be charged one count for each question he declined to answer, even though all the questions referred to a single incident or event and were asked at one hearing at one appearance before a congressional committee. Some of the defendants in the pending cases are charged with a score of counts. Frederick V. Field is charged with 36 counts.

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*[Handwritten signature/initials]*

New York, New York  
February 9, 1951

MEMO

Re: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 1/5/51, Confidential Informant ND 591 advised that WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, had contacted an individual identified as BILL and told him that he had a job of vital importance for him to do in connection with the Martinville 7. BILL replied that he had his hands full at the present time and did not think that he would be able to handle the assignment. PATTERSON told him that he was leaving town on that date.

The informant said that a woman identified as NETTIE at the Civil Rights Congress Office contacted JEAN SMITH and told her that she had a great deal of work for them to do but could not be over until PATTERSON left which would be around 1 p.m. on that date.

ABE UNGER a little later attempted to contact PATTERSON and was told that he could be reached at AL 4-2215 prior to his departure. The informant said that NETTIE contacted the Vogue Travel Agency where she was told that the \$4.70 charged for the tickets of WILLIAM PATTERSON included his entire trip including the flight to Los Angeles as well as subsequent stops at San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Denver.

Later in the day, the informant advised that PHIL BART, General Manager of the Daily Worker, contacted PATTERSON just prior to PATTERSON'S departure and indicated that UNGER had told him about a meeting in UNGER'S office early on that date. PATTERSON assured BART that RALPH POWE, as well as someone else from the Civil Rights Congress who was acquainted with BILL'S case, would be present at meetings in UNGER'S office.

cc: NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)  
100- (JEAN SMITH)  
100-56579 (PHIL BART)

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A little later, informant said that AUBREY GROSSMAN was unsuccessful in contacting ELSIE ZAZRIVY in Cleveland, Ohio, at either Superior 1-2784 or Lakewood 1-1374.

DONALD P. ADAMS, SA

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
FEBRUARY 10, 1951

MEMO:

RE: [REDACTED]  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On February 1, 1951, Confidential Informant ND 516, of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] (believed to be [REDACTED]) discussed with PHIL BART (General Manager of the "Daily Worker") the possibility of her working part-time for BART. She pointed out that she had formerly worked on the 9th floor as a stenographer but now that she lived in Brighton, she would have to arrange the hours so that her mother could take care of her child. PHIL BART and [REDACTED] agreed to meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 3rd, to discuss the matter of a job further.

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On February 3, 1951, ND 516 reported that the telephone number of [REDACTED] mentioned above, was Dewey 2-1268.

According to the records of Confidential Source NYC # 2, this telephone is listed to [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York.

ALFRED B. NOVAK,  
Special Agent

✓ 100-56579 (PHIL BART)

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Director, FBI

2/24/51

SAC, Philadelphia

PHILIP BART, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By letter dated 2/15/51, a copy of which was forwarded to this office, the U.S. Attorney, at Philadelphia, advised the Attorney General of the following in regard to the captioned matter.

"We have examined the file of this subject very carefully to ascertain if there was any evidence that would support a prosecution for violation of a Federal Law.

"We did not find anything in the evidence that would support prosecution for anything except as a conspirator with others to violate the Smith Act, the validity of which Act is presently under consideration by the Supreme Court.

"There is no question of Bart's membership in the party and his activities on behalf of the party at a national level. His activities on behalf of the party apparently has resulted in promotions and the delegation to him of constantly increasing authority and influence.

"If the validity of the Smith Act is sustained we think that further consideration should be given to the prosecution of this subject and others who are active on behalf of the Communist Party in this district.

"The investigation does not seem to have developed the commission of any one or all, of Sedition, Sabotage, Espionage or Treason."

An attempt will be made in the immediate future to discuss this matter with the Assistant United States Attorney, in Philadelphia, to whom this particular case has been assigned to determine his opinion regarding possible prosecution under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Bureau will be advised of the results of this interview.

WOC/tga  
100-22157

cc: New York

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New York, New York

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1951

RE: PHILLIP BART  
IS - C  
(Bufile 100-3284)

Dear Sir:

It is requested that a security flash be placed in the files of the Identification Division against the record of the following individual:

Name PHILLIP BART  
Aliases (for additional space use reverse side) Philip Beral, Phillip Straus, Phil Burt, Phil Bard  
FBI Number (or) Local Registry number  
F. P. C.

The above individual is subject of a  
SECURITY INDEX CASE

In the event any information concerning this individual is received in the Identification Division notify

## New York Office

The above individual may be described as follows (not necessary if FBI number is furnished):

1-Age: 48	13-Occupation: Gen. Mgr. "Daily Worker"
2-Date of birth: 6/28/02	14-Marital status: married
3-Place of birth:	15-Residence: 263 Atkins Ave., Bklyn
4-Height: 5'8"	
5-Weight: 170	
6-Build: heavy	Scars, marks and peculiarities
7-Eyes: brown	
8-Hair: black (receding)	
9-Complexion: medium	Is identification record desired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
10-Race: white	
11-Sex: male	Subject is not identical with
12-Nationality: citizen	FBI number

Approximate date fingerprints forwarded to Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Very truly yours,

JJK:APK  
100-56579

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Indef*

February 23, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, WFO

PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 100-2384)

On February 23, 1951, Criminal Docket, Criminal Case No. 1746-50, in the United States District Court, Washington, D. C., was reviewed and reflected the following additional information:

- December 19, 1950 - Appearance of DAVID REIN, Attorney, entered. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment, filed.
- January 19, 1951 - Motion to dismiss the indictment argued and submitted.
- January 26, 1951 - Motion to dismiss the indictment, denied.
- January 31, 1951 - Opinion re the motion to dismiss the indictment submitted by Judge JAMES E. KIRKLAND, and this opinion overruled the defendant's motion to dismiss.
- February 21, 1951 - Withdrawal of DAVID REIN as Counsel for the defendant, filed.

The date set for trial in subject's case was March 19, 1951.

cc - New York

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# An Appeal to Our Readers... We Need \$200,000 NOW!

To All Friends of The Worker and the Daily Worker:  
As on previous occasions we address ourselves to you, our readers, to support the annual appeal drive to cover the deficit of your paper. In the past year your paper was published under very difficult conditions. It has been harassed by reactionary forces, some who even tried to intimidate our readers by attempting. But your paper, with your help, has come back. We refuse to be intimidated. We will continue in the true spirit of a workingclass newspaper, a Marxist paper.

The consistent and unrelenting fight for peace is the outstanding feature of your paper. Without the resources of the big capitalist newspapers, we have gathered news from all parts of the country. We have shown that Wall Street's war hysteria is not the true voice of our country. From every corner of the land, letters and newspaper clippings poured in which were compiled and reprinted on our pages. They demonstrated the overwhelming majority of the American people want peace.

The press was silent while the Martinville 7 faced death—but your paper brought this issue to the people. Although the seven Negroes of Virginia were murdered, the fight goes on to save Willie McGee and the Trade Union 6 to free Mrs. Rosa Ingram and her sons and to free Lt. Leon Carter and 30 other Negro soldiers sentenced to long jail terms.

The workingclass face Britain's living standards are being reduced by the taxes and the attempt to freeze wages. Your paper brings the truth about the eight hundred millions of people contributing so much to maintain peace.

In reporting and helping to educate the people, your paper has a record.

In order to continue its important financial support. The capitalist world is a two-billion-dollar a year national comes from our readers. We are counting on you have in The Worker subscription.

We appeal to you for \$200,000 to keep our paper going. Our appeal drive will start March 1 and end May 1 immediately.

Get out this appeal. Show it to your union brothers and sisters, to your friends and neighbors. Ask them to contribute.

All money received will be credited to the appeal.

Support and build the workingclass newspaper.

Editor-in-chief  
General manager

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: March 12, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: PHIL BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Detroit teletypes to New York, 8/18/50.

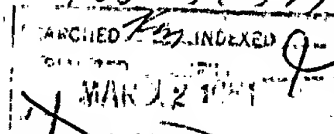
Informant Detroit DEL40, of known reliability, whose information was received by SE [ ] stated on November 2, 1950, that on the same date BART met with BILL ALBERTSON, Trade Union Secretary, Communist Party, District 7, and BILLY ALLAN, Daily Worker correspondent, to discuss the financial condition of the Michigan Edition-The Worker, and its \$8000 debt to the Daily Worker.

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Informant Detroit DE 264, of known reliability, whose information was received by SE [ ] stated on November 2, 1950, that on the same date BART met with BILLY ALLAN and other Communist Party, District 7 members to discuss plans to improve the circulation of the Michigan Edition-The Worker and the Daily Worker.

Informant Detroit DEL40, whose information was received by SE [ ] stated on November 3, 1950 that on the same date BART met with BILLY ALLAN, TOMMY DENNIS, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party District 7, NAT GANLEY, one of three persons designated to assume leadership of the Communist Party, District 7 in the absence of CARL WINTER, Chairman, Communist Party, District 7, and MABEL MITCHELL, Circulation Manager of the Michigan Edition-The Worker, to discuss problems connected with the circulation of the Michigan Edition-The Worker and the Daily Worker. DEL40 stated that BART presented two problems for consideration (1) The ideological campaign, and (2) The acute organizational problem.

The above is submitted for the information of the New York Division. No other pertinent matter has been reported to the Detroit in connection with BART's stay at Detroit.

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100-14627

New York, New York  
March 14, 1951

MEMO

RE: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On January 24, 1951 Confidential Informant MD 590 advised that MOLLY, of the New York State CRC Office was in touch with or left messages for the following individuals who were affiliated with the Labor Advisory Executive Committee of the CRC to be certain to attend the conference at 1:00 p.m. on January 25, 1951 in the Library of 23 West 26th Street:

FERDINAND SMITH

Mr. SANDLIN (phonetic), of the Painter's Union

SOL REINSTEIN, of the United Shoe Workers

LEON STRAUS

The Informant also advised that the following individuals were requested to attend a meeting on the following day at 4:00 p.m. in CRC offices to consider actions to be taken in the "contempt cases":

[redacted] of the U.E.

MARCEL SCHERER

PHIL BART

LOUISE BERMAN

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The Informant said that MORRIS DWECK on the same date contacted the Associated Press and United Press city desks to give them the story of JAMES WILSON, negro, age thirty, who was in the Bronx County Jail awaiting extradition to South Carolina. DWECK endeavored to have the news service publicize the details of WILSON'S incarceration.

Later on the same day a woman identified as IDA contacted ABE WEISBURD at the CRC Office, and told him there were several matters concerning his own office which had to be handled. She indicated that a Miss SILINS (phonetic) had called him from the Langwell. WEISBURD said he was going there from the CRC Office and would give them their money.

IDA also told him that Miss BURKE, of the A.T. and T. Company, Exchange 9-4400, had threatened to shut off his telephone service because of non-payment of a bill for \$45.36.

cc: 100-

(MARCEL SCHERER)

(PHIL BART)

(FERDINAND SMITH)

(LEON STRAUS)

100-13743

100-92967

100-67615 (ABE WEISBURD)

100-7413 (NAT ROSS)

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Shortly thereafter the Informant said WEISBURD was in contact with ARTHUR SCHUTZER, of the ALP, and requested him to have the ALP conference for the 17th of February deferred, because the Labor Advisory Committee to the CRC, which he described as a new organization started about two months previously, had scheduled a conference for the afternoon of February 17th, at which they expected to have labor leaders in attendance, and did not wish to have the conference conflict with the ALP conference. SCHUTZER indicated he would try to have the date of the ALP conference changed.

DONALD P. ADAMS,  
SA

# Hails 'Worker' Sub Gains in Midwest

Steel, machine equipment, auto and other factory workers in the heavily industrialized midwest area around Chicago want The Worker, and hundreds have gotten mail subscriptions during the recent sub campaign. Phil Bart, Worker and Daily Worker business manager, stated yesterday.

Bart has just returned from a week's stay in the midwest, where he discussed results of the campaign with scores of Worker readers in several cities.

Worker campaigners in the Chicago area chalked up 2,600 Worker and Daily Worker subs in the campaign, for almost 20 percent above the 2,200 goal they had set themselves. Nationally, the campaign has hit close to the

25,000 mark, with subs still coming in.

Bart said that among steel workers more than 300 subs were obtained by Worker campaigners in the mills, who had set themselves the objective of 250. Supporters in three mills had decided to go after 40 each in one area, and obtained 158 among them. One worker alone obtained 28 subscriptions.

In the electrical, machine tool, heavy equipment industries, Work

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er campaigners obtained more than 350 subs after setting themselves the goal of 200. In one midwest area where Worker backers obtained 170 subs, they got most of them from railroad workers.

#### CLIMAX YEAR'S WORK

Bart described the work of one group of six Worker supporters in the South Side of Chicago, the midwest's Harlem, who obtained 100 subscriptions in the course of the drive. This was a result of the fact that they had sold papers throughout the year, and were able to get subs from the many people who had been reading the paper through their activity. The group is working on an elaborate year-round plan to spread the paper widely in the community in which its members live.

Bart said, also, that in two highly industrialized communities he visited in Ohio Worker campaigners had set themselves goals of 100 subs in each city among factory workers, and in both cases were close to it. They intended to complete, and go on from there to develop programs for year-round activity in spreading the paper.

In Michigan where Worker campaigners had fallen short of their goals in the drive, they were now working out a program of activity to meet those goals, and also to develop regular circulation activity.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

The following is the record of FBI number

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USM Wash DC	Philip Abaaham Bart #1746-50	11-24-50	S. 192 T 2 U.S.C.	9-19-29 \$10 fine or 5 days imprisonment on chg of passing handbills (molesting workmen)

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	<p><b>Fingerprint Classification:</b></p> <p>16 0 25 Wr L 23 W 13</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>Color: white Sex: male Height: 5 ft 8 in Weight: 165 lbs. Complexion: med. Build: med. Hair: br. Eyes: br. Scars and marks: scar on chin; Birth: 6-28-02, Poland; New York, N.Y. Residences: in 1950, 263 Atkins St. Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1929, 5427 4th Ave. Detroit, (appears on prt #2605). in 1928, 290 Farnsworth, (appears on prt #33112.)</p> <p>The fingerprint file of this individual includes a photograph.</p> <p>In reply to Chicago Office letter dated 3-12-46, this record as of that time was furnished as may be identical. The Chicago Office letter showed the following caption:</p> <p>RE: PHILIP BART was. INTERNAL SECURITY - C (100-2644)</p>			

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	<p>Refer two copies of record on all inquiries re. Phillip Bart, was. Philip Beral, Phillip Straus, Phil Burt, Phil Bard, to RFD New York, N.Y. their file #100-56579, per inf rec therefrom 3-1-51. Bu File #100-3284,</p>			

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO: SAC, New York,

Date 3-20-51

RE: Your recent inquiry concerning PHILLIP BART

PHILLIP BART

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(Bufile 100-3284)

(100-56579)

- ☒ subject of attached record is identical ☐ attached
- ☐ subject of attached record may be identical ☐ communication is returned herewith
- ☐ subject in whom you are interested may be identical with one of the subjects whose records are attached
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Information being furnished under separate cover.
- ☐ only record available attached
- ☒ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the subject of your security flash notice, the Bureau should be so advised.
- ☐ fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ additional information requested
- ☐ information being furnished as indicated

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## VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

## MEMORANDUM

RE: PHILLIP BART, was.

Bufile 100-3284

This Office File 100-56579

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 263 Atkins Ave.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brooklyn. Pct. #75

Employment: General Manager, Daily Worker  
50 E. 13th St., N.Y., N.Y.

Address:

Remarks:

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence:

*same**Post office*

Employment:

*same**current issues D.W.*

Address:

Verified by:

*J. J. Kearney*

Method of Verification:

*Residence thru post office +  
employment by current issues of D.W.*

Date:

*3/21/51*

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

FBI NEW YORK
MAR 23 1951
<i>[Signature]</i>

*100-56579-152*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: March 29, 1951

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was.  
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(New York File 100-56579)CONSTANCE S. BART, was.  
IS - C  
(New York File 100-12959)

On March 20, 1951, FANNY GRAVES SEDEINO, 5917 Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia, was interviewed at the Philadelphia Office by SAs CARL E. CLAIBORNE and [REDACTED] SEDEINO, who is a former Membership Director of Section 1 of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, gave signed statements concerning her knowledge of the Communist Party membership of PHILIP and CONNIE BART. Inasmuch as these two individuals presently reside in New York, these signed statements are being forwarded to the New York Office as an enclosure with this letter.

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FANNY GRAVES SEDEINO is an elderly colored woman with a limited education and, while she is available to testify at any proceedings, it is felt that she would not make a good witness.

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CC: 100-31282 (CONNIE BART)

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cc 100-12959  
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New York, N. Y.  
April 6, 1951

MEMO

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.-BRIEF,  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C.

On April 6, 1951, Supervisor Warren T. Marchessault and the writer were in conference with ROY COHN, Confidential Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, at his request concerning the various cases of Communist Party members presented to the United States Attorney at the direction of the Bureau and the Department in October, 1950. COHN indicated a desire to go ahead with prosecution at an early date but is concerned over questions of policy concerning the theory under which the cases should be presented, that is, whether under

1. Individual indictments under the Smith Act based on membership in the Communist Party with knowledge of its aims and purposes;
2. McCarran Act registration or espionage sections;
3. Any other Federal violation by the individual subjects, such as prosecution for false or fraudulent statements in government matters, ie, a falsified statement to the Immigration and Naturalization Service or other government agency.

COHN believed prosecution under the Smith Act was the most likely possibility. He will contact the Department during the week of April 9th regarding questions of policy as to the law under which the Department desires these cases to be presented. He is hopeful that, if possible, he will bring these cases before a Grand Jury within the month of April 1951 or shortly thereafter.

cc: 100-4931 (CP, USA)	100-16021 (JOHNSON)
100-15705 (AMTER)	100-8879 (LANNON)
100-41932 (BACHRACH)	100-50983 (MARRON)
100-56579 (BART) ✓	100-18056 (MINDEL)
100-4119 (BEGUN)	100-92763 (PERRY)
100-20128 (BITTELMAN)	100-93345 (RUSSO)
100-50806 (CHARNEY)	100-50090 (STEIN)
100-1696 (FLYNN)	100-27452 (THOMPSON)
100-13483 (GANNETT)	100-21421 (TRACHTENBERG)
100-13473 (GERSON)	100-26018 (WEINSTOCK)
100-80309 (GOFF)	100-9595 (WEINSTONE)
100-25907 (JEROME)	

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Reports on all subjects were presented to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, in 1950 and it is believed he has been made aware of all information reflecting Federal violations. However, at COHN'S request, this office will review the files on the individual subjects in order not to overlook any possibility of prosecution for violation under Point 3, mentioned above.

The agents to whom these cases are assigned should immediately review their files in this connection to discover

1. Whether any possible Federal violation other than prosecution under the Smith and McCarran Acts is probable;
2. Whether information concerning such violation was included in the reports already submitted to the United States Attorney;
3. Whether there is information in the file which could through further investigation be developed making prosecution under Point 3 possible.

This must be handled promptly in view of the expected early date of presentation to a Grand Jury. Results of file reviews which indicate a possible violation under Point 3 above, if not already included in report submitted to the United States Attorney, should be submitted in report form. If the information has been submitted in report form a letter to the United States Attorney pointing out the possibility of prosecution under Point 3 above should be prepared. In the event that the review reflects no probable or possible prosecution under Point 3 a memorandum to that effect should be prepared for the individual files.

FRANCIS P. CARR,  
SA - Section #7.

R/i  
Memo:

N.Y. file 100-56579  
CC 100-81752

re: Phil Bart, was  
IS-C  
100-56579

Reference NY memo dated 4/6/51 "CPUSA -  
Brief. IS-C"

Reference is made to a letter dated  
October 18, 1950 from James M. McInerney,  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, to  
the Director, F.B.I. (serial 121) wherein  
it was requested that prosecution of subject  
concerning any criminal violation be made  
in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

By letter dated February 24, 1951 (serial 143)  
Philadelphia advised that instant case  
has been discussed with the USA, E.D. Pa.  
concerning Sedition, Sabotage, Espionage and  
Treason. No action has been taken concerning  
this. The USA feels that further consideration  
will be given to subject when the Smith Act  
is sustained. Plans are being made to  
discuss instant case with the USA, E.D. Pa.

concerning violation of the Internal Security  
Act of 1950.

It is to be noted that by letter  
dated December 13, 1950 (Serial 129)  
W. F. O. advised that on June 21, 1950  
Bart appeared as a witness before a  
sub-committee of the HCUA in Washington,  
D.C. and refused to answer pertinent  
questions. A presentment, dated 11/16/50  
charging subject with violation of Section  
192, Title 2, USC was filed on 11/20/50.  
The date of trial has been set for March 19, 1951.  
This contempt of the HCUA grew out of  
questioning of Marcel Scherer & Bart  
concerning a passport issued to one "John  
William Fox".

In view of the letter from the  
Assistant Attorney General to the Director  
no action will be taken concerning  
referenced memo.

W. John J. Kearney



New York, New York  
April 6, 1951

MEMO:

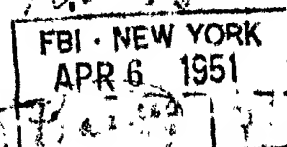
Re: GUS HALL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 4/3/51 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised that on this date GUS HALL (National Secretary, CP USA) conferred with one HY (possibly identical with HY LIBER) and SID STEIN (Assistant National Labor Secretary, CP USA). The informant further advised that at this time HY and STEIN were in Cleveland. HY informed HALL that he intended to leave Cleveland via plane Wednesday night with STEIN. He indicated that he would stay with STEIN who lives near the airport. HY is in poor health. HALL informed HY that he would arrange for him to go to a camp or get him on a farm. HALL recommended the camp and estimated the cost would be \$30 per week. HY said that he would be in to see HALL on Thursday morning. HALL agreed, but indicated that he would not be in the office all day Wednesday. HALL asked STEIN how the special project he had spoken about to him was progressing. STEIN replied that they had talked it over and were lining up a few things. HALL mentioned that the first step must be taken in the next few days and said that talking will not accomplish anything. HALL complained about an individual who did not get anything done on the project, especially in the main town of "that" industry. Speaking on behalf of JOHNNY WILLIAMSON, HALL told STEIN that WILLIAMSON had talked with PHIL (possibly PHIL BART, General Manager "Daily Worker"), and would take it up with STEIN.

GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER, SA

cc: 100-30090 (SIDNEY STEIN)  
100- (HY LIBER)  
100-56579 (PHILIP BART) ✓  
97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")

GVS:JGB  
100-34994



SAC

Oct. 19, 1950

SA JOHN C. MANNING

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
15th District  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Surveillance at 222 Lafayette St.,  
New Haven, Conn. on Oct. 15, 1950

Reference is made to information received from CBP 182 on 10/12/50 to the effect that one PHIL BART was to come to New Haven on the morning of 10/15/50 presumably for the purpose of attending a Communist meeting.

The writer began a surveillance at the home of SIDNEY TAYLOR, 190 S. Genessee St., New Haven, Conn. at 8:20 A.M. on 10/15/50. It was noted at that time that the automobile of TAYLOR was not parked in the vicinity of the latter's home.

The writer proceeded to the Union Station of the N.Y., N.H. and Htfd. R.R. and at 8:40 A.M. observed a green dodge, bearing Connecticut registration 5L 767 parked just beyond the entrance of the railroad station when the busses park. It is noted that this automobile is registered to ANN TAYLOR. There is set out below the log of the surveillance of the writer:

8:59 A.M. SIDNEY TAYLOR left railroad station alone and entered car described above and drove to 222 Lafayette St., New Haven, Conn.

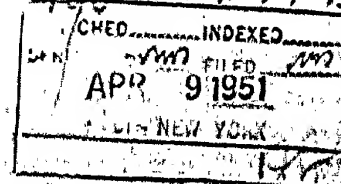
9:02 A.M. SIDNEY TAYLOR arrived at 222 Lafayette St., New Haven, Conn.

9:45 A.M. BOB EKINS and wife drove up to 222 Lafayette St. in an approximately 1940 gray Plymouth sedan with Connecticut license 5C 345, accompanied by an unidentified male. EKINS double parked his car and after a few moments talk with his wife entered 222 Lafayette St. MRS. EKINS, wearing a red coat and no hat, drove off from 222 Lafayette St. The unidentified male also entered 222 Lafayette St.

10:02 A.M. A Willys Jeep station wagon, bearing Connecticut license CB 366, drove up to 222 Lafayette St. and passed the hall. [redacted] was observed in the rear seat of this station wagon. The writer drove to Price and Lafayette where the following individuals were identified in this jeep station wagon.

CLARE ARBITMAN VITTORIA, [redacted] and an unidentified male, described as 5' 7", 175 to 185 lbs., stocky, wearing brown suit, has glasses and bushy brown hair. This individual was driving the jeep station wagon. (Note the files in N.H. Division reflects that Conn. license CB 366 is a jeep registered to the employer of VICTOR VITTORIA, husband of CLARE ARBITMAN VITTORIA, and description in files on VICTOR VITTORIA closely fits description of unidentified male observed by the writer to be driving the jeep.

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100-9851



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10:11 A.M. JACOB GOLDRING was observed walking up Lafayette St. from Congress Avenue toward 222 Lafayette St. and entered 222 Lafayette St.

10:20 A.M. Surveillance temporarily discontinued.

It is noted that in the above memo that surveillance indicated that individuals entered 222 Lafayette St. It is to be noted that these individuals entered the far left entrance of 222 Lafayette St. as one looks at the building. It is noted that when this surveillance was begun it was believed that BART would be met at the railroad station in New Haven and taken to some meeting place in the New Haven area but it was not believed that the meeting would take place at 222 Lafayette St. in view of the fact that the Communist Party Leaders at the present time are "security minded". When it was apparent that this meeting was being held at 222 Lafayette St., the writer contacted ASAC JOSEPH F. SANTOIANA and he instructed that SA SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA, SA [ ] and SA [ ] assist in the surveillance. b6 b7C

SA SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA and SA JOHN C. MANNING reinstituted surveillance at 12:20 P.M. and the results of the surveillance are set out below.

12:35 P.M. The following individuals were observed leaving 222 Lafayette St. and walked down Lafayette St. in the direction of Congress Ave.

[ ] JACK GOLDRING, [ ] BOB EKINS, ETTY EKINS, [ ]  
[ ] (this is a tentative identification), FRANK PETERSON, [ ]  
[ ] CLARE ARBITMAN VITTORIA, VICTOR VITTORIA and  
PHIL BART. b6 b7C

It was noted that the following individuals had their lunch at Pete & Paul's Restaurant:

FRANK PETERSON; ETTY EKINS; an unidentified male described as : : approximately 30-32 year old, 5' 7", 140 lbs., dark brown or black hair, brown eyes, had no glasses, wore no hat, had a slender built. (A review of the files in New Haven Division reflects that this individual may be identical with STANLEY MIKLOWSKI.); an unidentified female, 24-27, 5' 2" to 5' 4", approximately 115 lbs., slightly wavy long brown hair, wearing babooska; BOB EKINS; an unidentified male approximately 32 years old, 5' 11", medium blond hair, slightly wavy and combed straight back. This individual sat between BOB EKINS and PHIL BART. PHIL BART.

In addition to these individuals the following unidentified persons were observed coming from 222 Lafayette St. at 12:35 P.M. and returning to 222 Lafayette St. at 1:20 P.M.

Unknown male, about 6', blond hair, bald head, slender build, not wearing hat; unknown male, approximately 5' 8" to 9", brown hair, no hat. These latter two individuals are the same two who at 9:45 A.M. entered the Pete & Paul's Restaurant as noted previously in this memo. Unknown female, approximately 35 to 40, about 5' 5", 125 lbs., light brown hair, wearing black coat with yellow trim, no hat; unknown female who accompanied the last described unknown female. This person was just slightly shorter than the other and approximately same, however had brown hair and wore no hat.

5:35 P.M. The last two unidentified females were observed leaving 222 Lafayette St. and walked down Lafayette St. in the direction of Congress Ave.

5:40 P.M. A group of the individuals left 222 Lafayette St. and walked down Lafayette St. toward Price St. and some of these individuals were observed entering the jeep bearing Conn. license CB 366; some entered a Plymouth bearing Conn. license which is believed to be 6D 675 and BOB EKINS and person identified as VICTOR VITTORIA were observed entering a Plymouth bearing Conn. license 5C 345.

SA [ ] and SA [ ] surveilled this jeep from the corner of Prince and Lafayette to parking lot opposite the Taft Hotel Garage on Crown St. SA SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA and SA JOHN C. MANNING surveilled this jeep from this parking lot to Hartford, via the Merritt Parkway, and the following is the result of this surveillance.

5:45 P.M. Left New Haven. The jeep was being driven by the unidentified, tall, blond hair, bald-headed individual previously set out in this memo. Arrived in New Britain via Conn. Route #71 at approximately 7:00 P.M. and one individual was left off in the housing project on Myrtle St. In this connection it is noted that STANLEY MIKLOWSKI resides at 649 Myrtle St. in the housing project, New Britain, Conn.

The jeep, still being driven by this unknown male, drove to the 300 block of W. Main St. in New Britain and let out another male passenger. It could not be clearly seen who left the jeep at this point but it is noted that [ ] New Britain, Conn. The jeep, carrying three passengers at this point, then drove to the Sea Food Restaurant on Spring St. in New Britain and all individuals, consisting of two males and one female, left the jeep and entered the Restaurant. It was noted that these individuals were CLARE ARBITMAN VITTORIA and [ ] They sat in the last booth on the right hand side as you enter the Restaurant and the unidentified male sat on the bench facing the door.

It was noted at this time that a mere complete description is as follows. 6' to 6' 2", approximately 175 to 180 lbs., dirty blond hair, partially bald with a slight wisp of hair down the center, egg shaped head, long pointed nose, slightly bulvis at the end, cleft chin, strong features. This individual did most of the talking with CLARE ARBITMAN VITTORIA making some responses to conversation made by this unknown male. [redacted] did not participate to any great extent in the conversation but all three were closely huddled apparently in an endeavor to keep whatever they were saying to themselves. SA MANNING and DUCIBELLA were two booth removed from these individuals and were not in any position to hear any of the conversation. b6 b7C

It was noted that as these individuals left the jeep that a package wrapped in newspaper was observed to fall. This package was retrieved by SA MANNING and DUCIBELLA and was noted that this package contained 12 copies of magazine "Political Affairs" issue of October 1950 and one copy of the magazine "Masses and Mainstream". These publications have been appropriately identified and will be routed to the 1A Exhibit Envelope on the case file CP, USA, Pamphlets and Publications. The remaining copies will be routed to the agents in this office for review for information purposes. It was noted that when these individuals left the Restaurant that they appeared to express some concern over the loss of the package, in that they seemed to look around the immediate area of where the jeep was parked and it was concluded that they were attempting to locate the package.

8:30 P.M. These three individuals left the Sea Food Restaurant, entered the jeep and drove down Stanley St. in New Britain where the tall blond described above was let out in the 100 block of Stanley St. in New Britain. A review of the Security Index cards of individuals for the New Britain area fails to reflect any individual residing on Stanley St. or any individual who answers the description of the above captioned individual. It is recommended that an investigation be conducted in an effort to ascertain who this individual is.

CLARE ARBITMAN VITTORIA drove the jeep after the unidentified male was let out to Hartford, Conn. and she drove to Blue Hills Ave., parked the car in front of 44 Blue Hills Ave. It is noted that she left [redacted] off at the intersection of Blue Hills Ave. and the main artery that runs just below 44 Blue Hills Ave. [redacted] then walked from Blue Hills Ave. one block to Adams St. and was observed to enter [redacted] It is noted that the files of this office reflect that [redacted] Hartford. b6 b7C

It is noted there is no possible way to ascertain the specific purpose for the meeting at 222 Lafayette St. on Oct. 15, 1950. It is believed that possibly this meeting was called to discuss the proposed plans of action by the Communist Party in Connecticut in view of the current international situation and the presently inactive Internal Registration Act of 1950.

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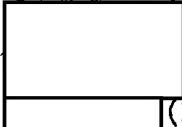
It is noted that at this meeting there were observed no negroes. It is also noted that there were very few individuals present from the New Haven area although there appeared to be a substantial number of representatives of Communist Party members of the outlying section. It is also to be observed that none of the informants of the New Haven Division were in attendance at the meeting.

It is noted that the Political Affairs which has been previously described, contains an article captioned "The Present Situation and the Tasks of the Party" which is identified as being the main report by GUS HALL to the primary session of the National Committee, CP, USA, held on Sept. 19 and 20, 1950.

Carbon copies of this report have been prepared for the following files:

Clare Arbitman (100-8493)

Phil Bart



(100-10795)

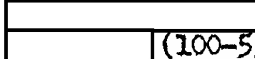
Etty Ekins

Bob Ekins

CP, USA International Relations

Internal Registration Act of 1950

Jack Goldring (100-11228)

 (100-5522)

Stanley Miklowski

Frank Peterson

Ann Taylor (100-6703)

Sidney Taylor (100-1873)

Victor Vittoria

CP, USA Underground Activities

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# \$24,000 Received in The Worker Fund Drive

SUPPORTERS OF THE WORKER have already turned in \$24,199.30 toward the paper's goal of \$200,000 by May 1. Philip Bart, business manager, announced this week. The \$200,000 is required to meet The Worker's financial deficit. The paper's appeal has been endorsed by the National Committee of the Communist Party, which urged its members to support the drive. Communist and other readers of The Worker in 20 states participated in raising and turning in the \$24,199 already recorded.

Individual readers with their \$5, \$10 or larger contributions and organized supporters of the paper in shops, unions and communities who have sent in sums in the hundreds and thousands are both helping The Worker to meet its annual deficit.

Many of these individual readers, Communist and non-Communist, send along with their contributions clippings from the local pro-war, anti-labor papers which optimistically anticipate The Worker's bankruptcy.

All of the letters reflect an awareness of the vital need for the continued publication of America's newspaper for peace and a deter-

mination to do everything necessary to guarantee it.

The heart of the real America is in these letters.

"Old Wobbly" sends, along with his \$5, the message: "Wish very much that I could make it a lot more—maybe soon enough I'll come again. Heartfelt wishes to you all interested in getting out my favorite paper which keeps me alive . . . and for which I walk a mile daily to get it (no kiddin')."

A Manhattan reader, sending in \$5, writes of the Daily Worker: "It—or the men and women who give it life—is the essence of courage and justice. To have its voice stilled in these grave times would be a tragedy indeed."

That reader's aid, and that of all the others who have swelled The Worker's fund to \$24,000 give assurance that the tragedy will never come to pass.

But only weeks remain before it is May 1, when the whole required sum must be in—and \$24,000 is still far from \$200,000.

If you have not yet done so, please send your \$5 minimum contribution to The Worker without delay.

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Kearney

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK  
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN  
SUBJECT: PHIL BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: April 7, 1951

On October 12, 1950, New Haven Confidential Informant CBP-182 advised that ROBERT EKINS an organizer of the Communist Party in Connecticut, perfected arrangements to have PHIL BART come to New Haven, Connecticut, on the morning of October 15, 1950 for an all day meeting.

A surveillance of this Communist Party Meeting revealed it was held at Ukrainian Hall, 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven, Connecticut, and the results of this surveillance are included in memorandum dated October 19, 1950, two copies of which, are being forwarded to the New York Office as enclosures to this letter.

It will be noted that this surveillance revealed that PHIL BART was in attendance at this meeting and the memorandum is being submitted to your office for information.

The identification of PHIL BART was effected from a photograph of PHIL BART, made available by the New York Office, inasmuch as BART is considered one of the top functionaries of the Communist Party.

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70 Director, FBI

April 9, 1951

ASAC, New York

PHILLIP BART  
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(Bufile 100-3284)

BART is presently the General Manager of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist Newspaper.

On 3/21/51, the Identification Division of the Bureau furnished a copy of subject's identification record under FBI number 226 137. The following arrests are noted:

<u>CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ARRESTED</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
PD, Detroit, Mich.	PHILLIP BART #13112	7/5/28	disorderly person	Discharged
PD, Pontiac, Mich.	PHILLIP BART #2605	8/14/29	molesting workmen	9/19/29 \$10. fine or 5 days imprisonment on charge of passing handbills (molesting workmen)

The Detroit Office will check records at both the Detroit and Pontiac Police Departments for further information concerning these arrests. Will, if possible, interview arresting officers for further information concerning the arrests.

2cc-Detroit

JJK:LEW  
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# Why We Rejected Warmongering Ad

A few days ago the Daily Worker received an advertisement for the Arthur Koestler-Sidney Kingsley play "Darkness at Noon" for publication in today's issue. The advertisement was rejected by Philip Bart, general manager of the paper, for the following reasons:

Darkness at Noon is a warmongering play. "Its content," Bob Lauter stated in his review in the Daily Worker on Jan. 18, "is a defense of Trotskyite spies. Its purposes are clear. They are an attempt to justify the sniveling cowardice, the colossal duplicity and the utter moral bankruptcy of Koestler's heroes: The Trotskyite criminals . . ." It appears, said Lauter, "at a moment when MacArthur is creating Korean Lidices under the guise of an anti-Communist spectacle . . . it offers an intellectual content which is absolutely indistinguishable from that of Westbrook Pegler . . . the corruption and decadence of the Broadway stage has now reached the point where what might make

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a night's entertainment at a meeting of beerhall putschists is solemnly presented as a 'drama.' ...

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The Daily Worker rejected the ad for Darkness at Noon because we do not accept advertising for warmongering, redbaiting, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic plays," said Bart. "Such ads are rejected along with ads for scab made products submitted to us from time to time by companies and organizations that are on strike and are being picketed. We reserve the right to reject any advertisement which we consider harmful to the policies which we support."

Bart pointed out further that "Daily Worker policy with respect to advertising is the same as that of all other papers, except we don't pretend to hide the fact that we reject ads dangerous to labor and the country. Other papers reject all kinds of ads openly, at the same time hypocritically posing as defenders of freedom of the press."

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That the offering of the ad for Darkness at Noon was nothing but a cheap publicity stunt to win more attention to the pro-war play is clear from the following:

- The play has been running for nearly three months. This is the first ad submitted to the Daily Worker. In fact it's the first ad for a Broadway play submitted to this paper in several years.

- The ad itself does not fit into a tabloid newspaper such as the Daily Worker. It arrived in the Business Office in the form of a cut one column wide, 19 inches in length. Daily Worker columns, as any advertising agency knows, are 15 inches in length.

The producers sent the ad to us knowing only too well that it would be rejected. This shabby publicity trick is entirely in keeping with the character of Darkness at Noon.

New York, New York

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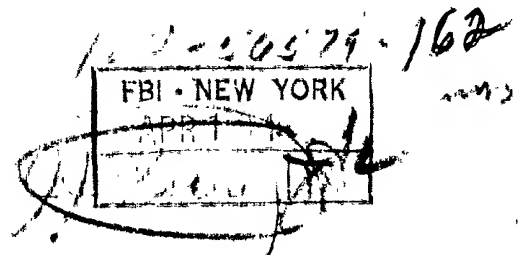
Re: PHIL BART  
SM-C

On February 15, 1951, ND-520, of known reliability, advised that PHIL BART attempted to get a reservation for that weekend.

According to the informant, BART was advised that the place was filled to capacity and it was suggested that he call "Ferndale direct or drive up" and that he might be accommodated. According to the informant, BART stated that he would be alone.

The informant believed that this may concern a hotel or lodge reservation.

HERBERT P. JARSON, SA



HPL:HED  
100-56579

# A Frank Report on Circulation

## --and how you can help us get more readers

By Phil Bart, General Manager, The Worker

WE INFORMED YOU, our readers, in a front page editorial of the Daily Worker on Jan. 19 that "the circulation of our paper is dangerously low." As a result of the circulation drive we can report to you NOW that we have received 4,000 subscriptions thus far bringing our total circulation to 50,000. More than 21,800 were for The Worker and 2,190 subscriptions for the Daily Worker. And they are still coming in.

Our enemies gloated when we sounded the warning signal of the dangerously low circulation. Every newspaper and radio reported this news. Blustering Drew Pearson made his usual "I predict" that this paper would go out of existence in 60 days. Pearson has been reached with the results of our drive but is no longer interested. The capitalist sheets have our reports but they no longer find it news worthy.

It was not an easy job. But our readers proved it can be done. Capitalist advertising and circulation tricks did not work here. It required a crusading spirit. A

recognition that this was part of the struggle for peace. It meant getting subs for a paper which fights for peace. And the people desire peace, consequently the opportunities to build the circulation of this paper grew immensely.

IN THE MIDST of the drive a reactionary clique dominating the New York Newsdealers association joined in an effort to intimidate our readers. They announced that their members would vote on barring the paper from their newsstands. But New York readers with an objective of 10,000 subscriptions reached a total of nearly 14,000 subs for The Worker and 773 for the Daily Worker.

Chicago, the heart of the great industrial mid-west, obtained over 2,500 subs of an original goal of 2,200. Similar reports can be given for New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Colorado,

Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. Our readers in other states are continuing to reach the goals they set for the drive.

Great interest and concern in increasing the circulation of the Daily Worker was shown in many parts of the country. Of some 2,200 Daily Worker subscriptions more than two-thirds came from outside New York City.

WE STRESS now as we did before that the continued growth of circulation depends on our readers. They alone help increase the number of readers and raise the funds to cover the deficit of this paper. This is a different kind of paper—it is the workingman's paper. It belongs to the men and women who fight for peace, help develop the struggle for Negro rights, fight against the bosses and for the interests of the masses of people. The profiteering capitalist sheets cannot understand this—that's why they expect and look for us to close up.

The circulation drive was successful. It must now stimulate a regular and consistent campaign to build this paper every day. We emphasize what we said in our editorial last January: "What is necessary is for every reader to make himself a personal distributor and carrier of the paper."

THIS VENTURE should not be confined to a brief campaign period only. It should take place regularly. We urge our readers to continue getting subs. Set your self a goal of one or two a week. Arrange to get a bundle of 2 or 3 papers to sell to your shop mate, friend or neighbor. Help us to raise the funds necessary to cover our deficit.

Never was the urgency for building a Marxist paper greater than today. Never was the need greater to reach the people with the message of this paper. So we present you with this report confident that with your help we will continue to spread the voice which rings out for peace—THE WORKER AND THE DAILY WORKER.

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N. Y. *The Worker*  
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FBI - NEW YORK  
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*J. J. Keenan*

New York, New York  
April 18, 1951

MEMO

RE: FREEDOM OF PRESS, INC.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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On April 5th, 1951, CS- [ ] advised that subject organization had filed signature cards and resolutions on that date in connection with the opening of a bank account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 32 University Place, New York City. The officers of subject organization were listed as follows:

President - BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

Secretary - HOWARD C. BOLDT

Treasurer - HOWARD C. BOLDT

General Manager-PHILIP BART

Assistant Manager - EMANUEL LEVIN

The authorized signers to the account were listed as:

PHILIP BART	General Manager
HOWARD C. BOLDT	Secretary-Treasurer
EMANUEL LEVIN	Assistant Manager

Any two of the authorized signers have to sign all checks charged against this account. The resolutions filed were dated April 3, 1951.

cc: 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)  
100-25866 (HOWARD BOLDT)  
100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)  
100-14496 [ ]

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On April 6th, 1951, CS [ ] advised that subject organization opened the bank account with two deposits. One deposit was in the amount of \$8,732.20 made up of \$906.27 cash; a check in the amount of \$1198.88 drawn by the Metropolitan News Company against its account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City; a check in the amount of 6,517.50 drawn by the CP, USA against its account at the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, which check bore the notation "Fund Drive" and several checks of small amounts. The second deposit in the amount of \$1,69.41 was made up of \$57.75 cash and several checks of small amounts.

Arrangements have been made for the writer to review the daily deposits going into subject organization's account and to review the checks charged against the account at the end of each month.

JOHN H. KLEINKAUF, SA

# Fund Drive at Half Way Mark

THE WORKER has hit the \$100,000, half-way mark in its drive for \$200,000 to meet its annual deficit, Philip Bart, the paper's general manager, announced. Bart paid tribute to the efforts of the Communist Party organizations throughout the country to support the paper as well as to the great many individual readers who have contributed.

Coupled with the announcement that one-half of the drive has been successfully completed was Bart's appeal for continued effort to guarantee that the full \$200,000 needed be in on schedule by May 1.

While the bulk of the money in thus far came from organized supporters of the paper, Bart pointed to the fact that many hundreds of individuals, contributing small sums ranging from 50 cents to upwards of \$5 have mailed in to The Worker some \$5,000.

The Kings County Communist Party last week reached \$110,000 turned in toward a goal of \$167,000 for the Communist Party's national fund appeal. The Brooklyn Communists fulfilled their pledge to Henry Winston, national organization secretary, to raise \$50,000 within six days. Among Brooklyn community and industrial organizations to go over the 100 percent mark were Red Hook, longshore and bakers.

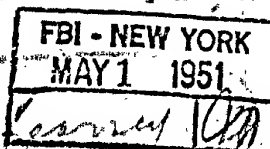
When The Worker launched its appeal a few weeks ago, pro-war and anti-labor newspapers throughout the country joined in a chorus of delighted anticipation of the paper's folding up.

But many of the American men and women who sent in their contributions sent along these very same editorials with their own added pledge that they would never let America's paper for peace die.

The response of Communist and non-Communist supporters of The Worker has already demonstrated that the New York Post, Chicago Sun and all the other pro-war papers which vulture-like awaited The Worker's end totally misjudged the situation.

CLIPPING FROM  
N. Y. *The Worker*

DATED 4/20/51 pg 2 col 4  
J.E.





## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: April 25, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
New York file 100-56579

MR. SCHEIDT  
 MR. WHELAN  
 MR. HARGETT  
 MR. TOLSON  
 MR. CLEGG  
 MR. GLAVIN  
 MR. LADD  
 MR. NICHOLS  
 MR. ROSEN  
 MR. TRACY  
 MR. WATSON  
 MR. WEAVER  
 CHIEF CLERK  
 PROPERTY CLERK  
 TRAINING UNIT

It is anticipated that the United States Supreme Court will, in the near future, render a decision relative to the eleven members of the National Board of the Communist Party, USA, who were found guilty of violating the Smith Act by the District Court Jury for the Southern District of New York.

In the event the Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the Act, it is quite possible the Department may desire to prosecute other leaders of the Communist Party.

You are instructed to make certain that:

Copies of all pertinent reports in this case were furnished to the interested United States Attorney including reports prepared subsequent to the discussion with the United States Attorney.

All requests by the United States Attorney for additional investigation have been complied with; and all leads relating to prosecution have been fully investigated and reported.

I desire that you make certain that all investigation necessary for trial purposes has been completed and reported and furnished to the United States Attorney in order that any delay in bringing this case to trial cannot be attributed to this Bureau.

The Bureau desires to be advised of the investigative status of this case, whether pertinent serials have been furnished to the United States Attorney and the present prosecutive status of this case.

The information requested should be furnished the Bureau by return mail.

cc: Philadelphia (100-22157)

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Philadelphia

PHILIP BART, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bufile 100-3284)

Rebulet, dated 4/25/51, instructing that this office advise the Bureau of the investigative status of this case, whether pertinent serials have been furnished to the USA and the present prosecutive status of this case.

The USA for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has been supplied with the summary reports in instant case and with all subsequent investigative reports, with the exception of the report of SA JOHN V. JACKOLSKI, dated 8/2/50 at Washington, D. C. One photostatic copy of this particular report was forwarded to the Philadelphia Office by the New York Office.

It is requested that the New York Office furnish an additional copy of this report so that it may be transmitted to the USA.

There is no recent information of consequence available in the files of the Philadelphia Office in addition to that set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 11/10/50 at Philadelphia.

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By letter dated 2/15/51, a copy of which was forwarded to this office, the USA at Philadelphia advised the Attorney General in regard to the captioned matter as follows:

" . . . . . We do not find anything in the evidence that would support prosecution for anything except as a conspirator with others to violate the Smith Act, the validity of which act is presently under consideration by the Supreme Court. There is no question of BART's membership in the party and his activities on behalf of the party at a national level. . . . If the validity of the Smith Act is sustained, we think that further consideration should be given to the prosecution of this subject and others who are active on behalf of the COMMUNIST PARTY in this district. . . . ."

By letter dated 3/23/51, the Philadelphia Office requested the advice of the USA as to whether there is any possible violation involved in instant case under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. No response has been received to date from the USA in this regard.

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cc: New York (100-56579)

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Rebulet 4/25/51.

This is to advise that subject is considered a key figure by the New York Office and the case is, therefore, in a pending inactive status, the last report having been submitted 12/28/50 at New York. The USA, SDNY, has not been furnished copies of reports in instant case since the case has been presented to the USA, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the district covering the major portion of subject's activity.

Philadelphia is requested to keep the Bureau and New York advised of the prosecutive status of the case,

cc: Philadelphia (100-22157)

WFC:DJG  
100-56579  
*[Signature]*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: April 27, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Your file 100-56579  
Bureau file 100-3284

It is noted that the subject is one of the individuals who is being considered for prosecution by the United States Attorney. In view of this, a report in this case should be submitted immediately and thereafter a report should be submitted every ninety days.

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*J. Kearney*

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

April 29, 1951

MEMO

RE: EUGENE DENNIS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On April 27, 1951 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised that EUGENE DENNIS (General Secretary, CP, USA) had to cancel a one o'clock appointment he had that day with RENA (believed to be RENA BURTON KLEIN, Lower West Side Regional Director, New York County CP) and a 4 o'clock appointment, which he had scheduled with PHILIP BART (General Manager, "Daily Worker").

SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

cc: 100-50804 (RENA BURTON KLEIN)  
100-56579 (PHILIP BART) ✓

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FBI - NEW YORK  
APR 30 1951

# E. Pennsylvania Completes Goal in the Fund Drives

A delegation representing the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party met with William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, at his home Saturday morning, and presented him with two checks totaling over \$9,000. The money constituted fulfillment of the Pennsylvania district's pledge to meet their quotas in the Communist Party and Daily Worker fund drives on or before May 1.

The delegation comprised Bob Klonsky, organizational secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Party; Ben Weiss, district treasurer and Section Organizer of Philadelphia's waterfront; and Bill Crawford, chairman of the Delaware County Communist Party. Carl Reinstein, national treasurer of the Communist Party, was also present.

Phil Bart, General Manager of the Daily Worker, sent a message congratulating the Pennsylvania Communists on their splendid job

in mobilizing financial support for the paper and meeting the deadline.

In welcoming the three-man delegation Foster spoke of the "soft spot in his heart" he has always had for Philadelphia. He spoke feelingly of the 14 years of his childhood and youth which he spent there and told of his first jobs and his first experience in the labor movement there. This was in the Philadelphia carmen's strike of 1894 when he was 13 years old. Foster told how the local kids piled marble from a nearby tombstone maker's on the tracks to prevent scab-driven cars from going through. It was in Philadelphia, too, six years later, that Foster first met up with the Socialist movement to which he has since devoted his life.

## BIGGEST FIGHT

"We now confront the biggest fight in the Party's history," Foster pointed out, "in the fight against the fermenting of a new world im-

perialist war. Will Wall Street be permitted to drown the world in blood in its quest for world domination?"

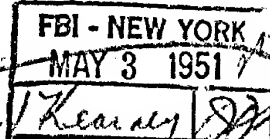
"The task is made more difficult," he stated, "by the role being played by many so-called labor leaders who have aligned themselves with those who are preparing another bloodbath for the workers."

"This task, the struggle for peace, is one to test the mettle of the entire Party," Foster emphasized. "And in this situation the Party needs finances as never before. Money is needed to carry on the peace fight, to defend the Party, and to support the Daily Worker and Worker."

"Never," Foster continued, "were these papers so important as they are now when they are almost alone, among all the newspapers of the country, in a clearcut opposition to the war drive based on fun-

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understanding of the issues involved.

"The success of our fund drives are indispensable to the struggle for peace which our Party is carrying on. People are being fooled by the propaganda that the Soviet Union is on the offensive and the United States are on the defensive. We must counter this falsehood. Money is urgently needed to finance this work."

#### DO THEIR SHARE

Foster told the delegation he was confident that the Communists of Eastern Pennsylvania, together with friends and sympathizers, will do more than their share of the job. "Every Communist," he went on, "is now being tested as never before in the history of the Party."

"The historic task and supreme test of our Party is to fight against this war. In doing so we are in fundamental harmony with the people of America and of the world. This is the strength of our position."

Foster autographed several copies of his new book, Outline Political History of the Americas, which the three-man delegation took back with them to Philadelphia. The Communists of Eastern Pennsylvania, who met their obligations to the Party Fund Drive and The Worker Fund Drive on schedule, still have before them the huge task of raising \$25,000 to finance the party's fight for peace.

The autographed books are to be used as prizes and presented to outstanding workers in the peace fight at a baquet to be held in Philadelphia on May 5. On that date, according to Bob Klonsky, the organization expects to complete its \$25,000 goal.

"And on May 5," says Klonsky, "having completed our fund drives, we will swing right into a two-month drive for 1,000 subs to The Worker!"

- MR. SCHEIDT
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. HARGETT
- MR. COLLIER
- MR. GILLESPIE
- MR. GRANVILLE
- MR. HEALY
- MR. LEVVIS
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PHILIP BART, WA. IS-C. RE SUBJECT-S CONTEMPT CASE. JUDGE BURNITA MATTHEWS TODAY FOUND SUBJECT GUILTY ON FIRST SIX COUNTS OF INDICTMENT. FOR INFO.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
MAY 4, 1951Transmit the following Teletype message to: ~~REDACTED~~  
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PHIL BART, IS-C. ND FIVE ONE SIX ADVISED ON MAY FOUR INSTANT THAT SUBJECT WHO IS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE "DAILY WORKER" AND WAS CONVICTED OF CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS ON MAY THREE LAST, WILL VISIT BOSTON MAY FOUR INSTANT. BOSTON COVER THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES.

SCHEIDT

cc: Philadelphia

JJK:HC (#7)  
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...MR. SCHEIDT
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Special Agent in Charge

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# Philip Bart Convicted of 'Contempt'

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, was convicted of contempt of Congress today by Federal District Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews. The trial was held without a jury.

Bart had been indicted on 32 counts and was charged with refusing to answer questions put to him by members of the House Un-American Committee last June.

The government dropped 24 of the original 32 counts, covering questions which Bart had refused to answer on the grounds of possible self-incrimination. The last 11 'contempt' cases brought to court by the Truman administration had ended with acquittals on the basis of such defense pleas.

In asking for dismissal of the eight-count case against Bart today, defense counsel pointed out that seven of the eight remaining charges dealt with questions which had been irrelevantly put by the Un-Americans at the committee hearing.

The eighth count, Bart's counsel charged, concerned a question over which The Worker's manager had claimed his right to avoid self-incrimination.

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# U.S. Judge Convicts Boss of Daily Worker

Washington, D. C. May 3 (P).—Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, today was convicted of contempt of Congress.

U. S. District Judge Burnita S. Matthews, who heard the case without a jury, convicted Bart on eight counts. The Government earlier had dropped 24 other counts.

Judge Matthews ruled that six of the questions Bart refused to answer on the ground they were

not pertinent were in fact pertinent to an inquiry conducted by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

She further ruled that two questions Bart refused to answer on the ground of possible self-incrimination should have been answered

because he waived his privilege. The judge allowed Bart to remain free on \$1,500 bail pending sentence. No date for sentencing was fixed.

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# HEAD OF RED PAPER GUILTY IN CONTEMPT

Bart Is Convicted of Refusing  
to Answer Questions Put  
by House Committee

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—Philip Bart, general manager of The New York Communist Daily Worker, was found guilty today of contempt of Congress for defying the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Federal Judge Burnita S. Matthews convicted him on eight contempt charges after the Government, during the one-day trial, dropped the remaining twenty-four counts of an original thirty-two-count indictment. Bart faces a possible jail term of one year and a \$1,000 fine. He waived a jury trial.

Judge Matthews held that the 49-year-old admitted Communist gave no good excuse for refusing to reply to questions asked by the House committee at a hearing last June. She also ruled that the committee had a right to ask the questions in its investigation into subversive activities.

After presentation of the Government's case, Charles B. Murray, the prosecutor, abandoned the twenty-four counts on which Bart clearly raised his privilege against self-incrimination.

Defense lawyers argued that the same self-incrimination plea pro-

tected Bart from replying to a question about who his associates were when he was a Communist party organizer in the Mid-Nineteen Thirties. However, Judge Matthews held that since Bart freely admitted that he was a party worker, he had no right to refuse to name his associates.

Six of the counts on which Bart was convicted dealt with queries about his original name. The defendant was born in Poland and became a naturalized American after his family moved to this country when he was 10.

Bart asserted that his name was none of the committee's business, but Judge Matthews ruled the in-

vestigators had a right to force full disclosure of a witness' identity.

On the remaining count, Judge Matthews held that Bart's plea of freedom of the press was no excuse for not listing jobs he had held.

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# Daily Worker Editor Is Guilty of Contempt

Washington, May 4 (AP)—Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, Communist Party newspaper, has been convicted of contempt of Congress.

Federal Judge Matthews, who heard the case without a jury, late yesterday found Bart guilty on eight counts. The Government had dropped 24 other counts.

Contempt of Congress is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and by up to a year in jail.

Bart was allowed to continue at liberty under \$1,500 bail. No date for sentencing was announced. Bart's attorney Abraham Unger, said the conviction will be appealed.

Bart appeared before a House Un-American Activities subcommittee June 21, 1950, and refused to answer several questions.

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## Worker' Manager Guilty of Contempt

**Philip Bart Is Convicted in  
U. S. District Court**

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP).—Federal District Judge Burnita S. Matthews today convicted Philip Bart, general manager of "The Daily Worker," Communist paper, of contempt of Congress.

Judge Matthews, who heard the case without a jury, convicted Bart on eight contempt counts. The government earlier had dropped twenty-four other counts in the indictment.

Judge Matthews ruled that six of the questions Bart refused to answer on the ground they were not pertinent were in fact pertinent to an inquiry conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

She further ruled that two questions Bart refused to answer on the ground of possible self-incrimination should have been answered. She said he waived his privilege against possible self-incrimination by identifying himself as a one-time Communist party organizer. She also said she did not feel Bart had any apprehension he would be indicted and prosecuted if he had answered.

Judge Matthews allowed Bart to remain free on \$1,500 bail pending sentence. No date for sentencing was fixed. Bart's attorney, Abraham Unger, said he would appeal the decision. Mr. Unger had sought to have the contempt indictment thrown out, arguing that some of the questions put to Bart by a subcommittee June 21, 1950, were not pertinent to the inquiry. He also contended that the committee failed to direct Bart to answer.

Bart refused to answer some questions on the ground his answers might tend to incriminate him. Mr. Unger insisted he was within his Constitutional rights in so doing.

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*Herald Tribune*

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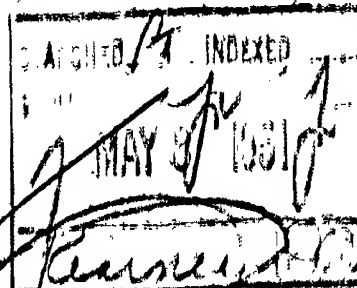
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The Washington Field Office is requested to supply the Philadelphia Office, as well as the New York Office, with copies of its report concerning the conviction of PHILIP BART for contempt of Congress by the Federal District Court on May 3, 1951. Although the New York Office is origin in this case the case has been presented to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for prosecution. Therefore, sufficient copies of the Washington Field Office report are requested to enable distribution to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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cc: Washington Field Office  
New York (100-56579)



New York, New York  
May 7th, 1951

MEMO

RE: CI UERMWA  
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Confidential Informant MD 603, of known reliability, advised that on May 1, 1951, one LOU KAPLAN conferred with James J. MATLES, saying that he had spoken to PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART). KAPLAN said that he has an attorney named "FELIX" who is believed to be an old socialist "buddy of PHIL'S". KAPLAN said that he told him to see WARREN (ph.). Informant explained that both individuals were afraid of what PHIL would say when he "gets down there". Both KAPLAN and MATLES believed that PHIL will be going to jail for contempt or for perjury. They agreed that PHIL should get in touch with DAVE SCRIBNER since he had just finished with the contempt trials in Washington.

JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY, SA

cc: 100-95907  
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RE: PHILIP BART  
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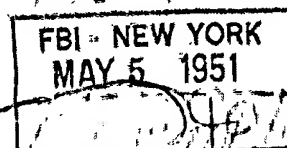
On May 3, 1951 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised that PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART (General Manager "Daily Worker") who was in Washington, D.C., notified HENRY WINSTON (National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA) that his sentence (for Contempt of Congress) had been postponed until the Court received a report from the Probation Officer. He said he had been released in the same bail as before, and was leaving Washington that night for New York en route to Boston. He remarked that "they really waved the flag at me." WINSTON told him to be sure to stop in at National CP Headquarters to see him before leaving for Boston.

SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

cc: 100-269 (HENRY WINSTON)

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5/7/51

MEMO:

RE: O.P.U.S.A.-DISTRICT #3  
NEW YORK COUNTY C.P.  
INTERNAL SECURITY-S

On 4/27/51, Confidential Source NYC 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of S.A. H.K. DEANE and S.E.                      who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit.

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Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see                      in File #100-26603-C-42-157

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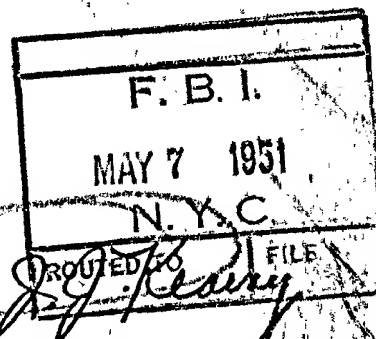
A 2-page pencilled list entitled "Yester Books" showing number of copies apparently ordered by the various sections of N.Y. County C.P. and listing names of several individuals.

100-82674	( Evelyn Gilbert )
100-87644	( Mercedes Arroyo )
100-93681	( Louise Fylitay )
100-18402	( Carl Dorfman )
100-83282	( <u>                    </u> )
100-91389	( Arnold Miller )
100-56579	( Connie Bart )
100-74746	( Alma Garcia )
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100-26603-C42 ( N.Y. County C.P. )

100-93804 ( Herb Schmerler )



EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

100-56579-181A



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NEW YORK 7, N.Y.

MAY 12 1951

MEMO:

RE: PHILIP BART

SECURITY MATTER - C.

Confidential Informant  by report dated on 4/6/51  
advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Boro Hall Section  
Communist Party on 1/30/51 at 77 5<sup>th</sup> Ave 3<sup>rd</sup> floor N.Y.C.  
Informant's report is in New York file #100-26603-C43-993 p5.

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REMARKS

Subject reported on the proceedings of the C. P. National Convention held 12/28-30/1950.

Subject urged comrades to continue their efforts in the current subscription drive stating that a wide circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "Worker" would protect the readers since if there were only a few in a community who received the paper then they could be picked out as C. P. members.

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Special Agent in Charge

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*R. Wright*

New York, New York  
May 14, 1951

MEMO:

Re: NED SPARKS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 5/12/51 ND 516, of known reliability, advised that NED SPARKS (of National CP Headquarters) and PHILIP BART (General Manager, "Daily Worker") had a social engagement scheduled for that evening with BETTY GANNETT (National Educational Director, CP, USA) and her husband, JIM TORMEY (Chairman, Queens County CP). According to the informant, when BART asked for SPARKS' address, the latter gave it as 38 West 90th Street.

cc - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)  
- 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)  
- 100-15945 (JAMES TORMEY)

ALFRED B. NOVAK, SA

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New York 7, N.Y.

May 18, 1951

MEMORANDUM:

RE: CPUSA  
Dist. #2, NY Div.  
IS - C.

By attached report dated March 29, 1951, [ ] advised that there was a Bronx County CP functionaries meeting held on March 27, 1951, at Prospect CP Section headquarters, 1301 Boston Road, Bronx, NY. b7D

The main points discussed were; the CP fund drive, and the Willie McGee case.

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John W. Dooley, SA

cc: 62-8363 P&C  
100-74560 (CPUSA-Funds)  
100-80675 (C.R.C.)  
100-68378 (Esther Moses)  
100-92900 (Gene Pearlstein)  
100-85294 (Charlie Goldrich)  
100-72649 (Rose Charney)  
100-93713 (Bill Johnson)  
100-97164 [ ]  
100-102292 (Ann Mones)  
100-67838 (June Fishstein)  
100-82488 (Hal Fishstein)  
100-60681 [ ]  
100-26603-C325 (Prospect CP Sec.)  
100-26603-C326 (Tremont CP Sec.)  
97-169 (Freedom of the Press)

100-56579 (Phil Bart)  
100-88970 [ ]  
100-97728 [ ]  
100-96033 [ ]  
100-103494 (Leon Feldman)

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Date of report March 29, 1951

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On Tuesday night I attended a Bx. County functionaries meeting, at 1301 Boston Rd. (the Prospect Section headquarters) the main points which were discussed were the opening of the Bx. County fund drive and the Willie McGee case.

The meeting did not start until a quarter to ten, and the following people were present, Esther Moses, Gene Perlstein, Charlie Goldrick Rose Charnley and her husband, Bill Johnson from the Prospect Section [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Anna Moses, June Fishstein, [REDACTED] and her husband and about twenty five other people.

Bill Johnson opened the meeting, proposing a member of

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the prospect Section as Chairlady for this meeting, the membership voted and passed on this proposal. The agenda as proposed for this meeting was as follows: a report by Phil Bart, managing editor of the Daily and Sunday Worker, on the fund drive and the necessity of reaching our quota as quickly as possible, the second point was the case of Willie McGee, immediate action must be taken, we must organize activities around this important case now that we have the opportunity, all must participate in these forms of activity in order to insure the quick freedom of McGee.

Phil Bart was introduced and he appeared nervous at first but as he spoke he gained confidence and this is the essence of his report:

The fund drive is a very important one, it is nothing new, nor is there a guarantee that this will be the last one. These fund drives are important for a number of reasons, first to maintain the upkeep of our Daily and Sunday worker. The high cost of printing etc is not becoming lesser but is becoming greater due to the high cost of living. If we had to depend upon the actual circulation of the paper, then we could not survive, but it would be impossible to discontinue the paper, so therefore it is only proper that those people who support us by their subs. and by reaching the paper that we continue to print the paper. It is a necessity to the working class and to all are thousands of sympathizers that we continue to bring before the American people the high cost



of living, the Korean situation, the many day to day problems which arise before them, and so it is very necessary that this fund drive be a huge success.

Phil quoted some figures about the drive, how \$175,000 is needed for the 'Daily and Sunday Worker' and how \$200,000 is needed for the defense of our Party, its leadership etc.

Phil explained the meaning of a free press, how a few people control the newspaper field, and they distort the true meaning of facts, and how recently when the Daily was in the midst of its Sub drive, and while its circulation was dropping to a new low, the enemies of our paper predicted that we would fold up very soon, but in a few weeks we overcame our deficit and instead

gained thousands of new readers.

This shows that the people are looking for someone to lead them in their struggles and will fight when oppressed.

Phil explained how this fund drive is going to help the paper and the defense of our Party. The cost of printing and running a paper is on the upgrade due to the high cost of materials, and the money for this end of the business comes from subscriptions and the fund drive.

The money for salaries of employees depends also on the fund drive, if there is no money the employees do not receive any pay, and in this respect right now the workers are not receiving their just deserts.

It is in this light that we come to appeal for a successful drive to continue the work started by Lenin when he said that we cannot

function successfully without a paper and secondly to see that enough money is realized for the immediate defense of our Party, for a Southern reorganization of our Party, for Negro equality and job discrimination, for the fight to repeal the McCarran Act. And numerous other campaigns outlined by the party leadership.

Phil did not break down the quotas because this year each group was taking their own quotas, and they would be worked out on that basis.

Phil spoke on the Willie M'isee case, and urged us to set up a program of activities during the next period of time, to set free Willie M'isee. There is no set date for his execution and that is more reason that we get started. We do not want a repetition of the Martin Luther King case but rather we want to set Willie M'isee free after all these years.

of suffering, so we must rally a few people who will plan a series of actions, such as street corner meetings, leaflet distributions at subway stations etc.

The Chairlady thanked Phil Bart for giving us such an educational background of the Printing and cost of running a paper, and she pledged that Bx. County will go over the top when the drive is finished.

The County will plan action on the Willie McVee case and it will relay this plan to each group through the Section.

Each Section would break into caucuses and discuss their individual quotas and set a goal of thirty-five percent for this Sunday morning, the Sections will remain open this Thursday night and Sunday from 1 to 3. To receive funds, they in turn will bring these funds to the County.

[redacted] In our Section the Tremont over three hundred and fifty dollars was turned in tonight, [redacted] and his wife [redacted] gave two hundred dollars, Esther gave twenty, Charlie gave twenty, [redacted] gave fifty, Rose Charney gave five, [redacted] gave five, [redacted] gave fifteen. Each group's Captain was briefed on how to collect their quota, which amounted to about fifty dollars for each person. It was agreed to have about thirty five per cent of our quotas in by this Sunday. We were to visit people if we could not raise the money ourselves. Donation booklets were given to us for our friends and neighbors to contribute.

RC Charlie Goldrich is taking charge of the Tremont Section fund drive and he is visiting people and working out their problems. He is helping Esther

Moses, who is running the Section because Leon Feldman is still in the hospital, (they were supposed to have operated on him Tuesday after a confinement of over a month in Veterans Hospital on Kingsbridge Rd. Bk. 4).

Charlie is in favor of raising our Section quota to five thousand dollars, it is now about thirty-five hundred, but we decided to raise our original quota first and if possible to raise more later by having parties, raffles etc.

After the Caucus we were again called to order by the Chairlady and each Section leader was asked what proposals were agreed upon by the various clubs. The Project Section has turned in one thousand dollars as of tonight and will raise over fifty percent by Sunday. Tremont has turned in over three hundred tonight and will try to raise thirty-five by Sunday.

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the others from the various Sections agree to have their quotas of thirty-five percent by this Sunday.

Esther said that the Tremont Section would be open this Sunday morning from eleven to one and returns must be brought in so they in turn can be brought to the County.

Charlie Soldrich is still unemployed, as is Hal Fishstein

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The following program of activities were proposed at this meeting by the Chairlady. On April 19 a leaflet distribution at all subway stations, street corner meetings, tables on main streets near theatres, etc. with petitions blanks, telegrams blanks, to be sent to Pres. Truman, Gov. Fielding Wright, and the U. S. Supreme Court. This would be a county wide demonstration day.

All people, Party people and all progressives, will be urged to take part in this program.

We do not want to wait until it is too late to save Willie McSee the way we did in the case of the Mortonsville Seven.

There is no new date set for his execution so we must act immediately because any time after thirty days a new date can be set.



TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, WFO  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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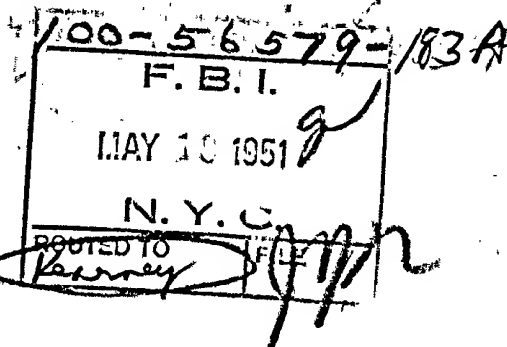
A review of the records of the United States District Court of the District of Columbia in the following described cases revealed that certain United States Treasury (bearer) bonds were presented as bond in lieu of cash. The Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., has advised that that department maintains no record of the ownership of bearer bonds. It was suggested that an inquiry at the various Federal Reserve Banks concerned might reveal the disposition of questioned bonds. It is felt that such an inquiry might lead to the establishment of the identity of heretofore unknown sustainers of the Communist Party.

The following information was made available through the assistance of MARION E. LEWIS, Finance Officer, U. S. District Court, and Miss [redacted], Office of the Registrar, Bureau of Public Debt, Treasury Department:

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New York (100-84275)  
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New York (100-47211)  
New York (100-57671)  
New York (100-85162)  
Pittsburgh (CP-USA)  
Pittsburgh (100-1763)  
Milwaukee (100-10276) (info)  
San Francisco  
Philadelphia  
WFO (100-13145)  
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PHILIP BART

(Bufile 100-2384)

Records of the U. S. District Court, Washington, D. C., in the case of PHILIP BART, criminal case number 1746-50, reflect that BART, who is General Manager of the "Daily Worker", was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on October 4, 1950, charging him with violations of Section 192, Title 2, U. S. Code, 32 counts. BART had refused to answer pertinent questions before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was arraigned on November 24, 1950, at which time he pleaded not guilty. Bond was set at \$1500.00 and was presented on November 24, 1950, by ROY WOOD in the form of two U. S. Treasury bonds in the amounts of \$1000.00 and \$500.00. It is pointed out that ROY WOOD is Chairman of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia.

As a matter of interest, BART was convicted on eight counts by Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS on May 3, 1951. Sentence is pending.

The records of the U. S. District Court reflect that the above mentioned \$1000.00 Treasury bond was a 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 22769-H.

The Treasury Department has advised that this bond was shipped, general stock, to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, October 22, 1945, case, order and notice number 83, in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.

The records of the U. S. District Court reflect that the aforementioned \$500.00 bond is a Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 57520L.

The Treasury Department has advised that the above bond was shipped, general stock, to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, October 23, 1945, case, order and notice number 87, in the amount of \$12,000,000.00.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

(Bufile 100-39)

The records of the U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia in the case of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, criminal case 1787-50, reflect that PATTERSON, who is National Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, was charged with violating Section 192, Title 2, U. S. Code, two counts, and that he failed to produce certain records before the HCUA. PATTERSON was arraigned on December 1, 1950, and his bond was fixed at \$1500.00, which was posted through his wife, LOUISE T. PATTERSON, in the form of \$500.00 cash and one \$1000.00 Treasury bond. PATTERSON's trial resulted in a hung jury on April 11, 1951, and a new trial date has been set for June 16, 1951.

The above mentioned \$1000.00 bond was described as a Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 655729K.

The Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., has advised that the records of the FRB of New York indicate this bond was delivered to the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, on August 9, 1948, their application number 222-29 in a total of \$1,000,000.00. The FRB of New York holds their receipt signed by

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STEVE NELSON

(Bufile 100-16847)

The records of the U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia, criminal case 1796-50, reflect that STEVE NELSON, who is a Communist Party functionary in the Pittsburgh area, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on December 4, 1950, with violating Section 192, Title 2, U. S. Code, 35 counts. NELSON refused on June 8, 1949, to answer pertinent questions before the HCUA. On December 8, 1950, NELSON was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Bond was fixed at \$1500.00, having been reduced from \$5000.00. On this date ROY H. WOOD, Chairman of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia, posted bond in the form of two U. S. Treasury bonds in the amounts of \$500.00 and \$1000.00.

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The aforementioned \$500.00 bond was described as a Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 113134D.

The Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., has advised that the records of the FRB of New York indicate this bond was delivered to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, New York City, on December 24, 1945, on their application number 1298-9 in a total of \$1,417,000.00. Included therein were eight pieces at \$500.00 each, numbered 113132 to 113139, inclusive.

The aforementioned \$1000.00 bond was described as a Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 655734D.

The Treasury Department has advised that the records of the FRB of New York indicate this bond was delivered to the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, on August 9, 1948, their application number 222-29 in a total of \$100,000.00. The FRB of New York holds their receipt signed by

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MARCEL SCHERER

(Bufile 100-107137)

The records of the U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia, criminal case number 1799-50, in the case of MARCEL SCHERER, Co-ordinator, New York Labor Conference for Peace, who was formerly District Representative for District Four, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO, reflect that he was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on December 4, 1951, charged with violating Section 192, Title 2, U. S. Code, 52 counts, for refusing to answer certain questions before the HCUA on June 21, 1950. He pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1500.00 bond on December 8, 1950. This bond was presented by MILLIE WHITE, 1000 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., in the form of two Treasury bonds in the amounts of \$1000.00 and \$500.00.

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It is pointed out that MILLIE WHITE was employed at this time as a Secretary of the UERMW-CIO at 1000 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., and in August, 1950, was indentified as a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia by [redacted]. As a matter of interest, MILLIE WHITE was residing with TRAVIS K. HEDRICK who, until April 15, 1951, was an editor of the USSR Information Bulletin. He was formerly employed with Tass and Federated Press. [redacted] also identified HEDRICK as an active Communist Party member in November of 1947.

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The records of the U. S. District Court describe the aforementioned \$1000.00 bond as a Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 655733C.

The Treasury Department has advised that the records of the FRB of New York indicate this bond was delivered to the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, on August 9, 1948, on their application number 222-29 in a total of \$100,000.00. The FRB of New York holds their receipt signed by [redacted].

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Concerning the above-mentioned \$500.00 bond, the records of the U. S. District Court describe this bond as a Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1959-62, dated November 15, 1945, number 57822D.

The Treasury Department has advised that the records of the FRB of New York indicate that this bond was delivered to the Bank of New York and Fifth Avenue, 48 Wall Street, New York, on their request for Exchange of Denominations application dated July 26, 1949, in the total amount of \$1000.00, for which the New York FRB holds their receipt dated July 27, 1949.

HAROLD ROLAND CHRISTOFFEL

(Bufile 100-4775)

CHRISTOFFEL, who was Honbrary President of Local 248, UAW-CIO, at the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company in West

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Allis, Wisconsin, testified before the Committee on Education and Labor before the House of Representatives on March 1, 1947. He was indicted for violating Section 22-2501, D. C. Criminal Code, in that he falsely testified before that Committee. He was found guilty of perjury on March 3, 1948, in the U. S. District Court at Washington, D. C. The U. S. Court of Appeals upheld this conviction; however, it was subsequently reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court on February 23, 1950. CHRISTOFFEL was again tried and convicted in the U. S. District Court of the District of Columbia; appeal pending. CHRISTOFFEL was released on April 8, 1950, on \$10,000.00 bond deposited in the name of MILTON WOLFF, 205 East 42nd Street, room 1613, New York City. This bond was presented in the form of five \$1000.00 Treasury bonds and one \$5000.00 Treasury bond.

The records of the U. S. District Court reflect that included in the above bonds was one \$1000.00 Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated June 1, 1945, number 141540L.

The Treasury Department has advised that this bond was shipped, general stock, to the FRB of New York, May 23, 1945, case, order and notice number 106 in the amount of \$15,000,000.00.

Also included were two \$1000.00 Treasury 2½ percent bonds of 1967-72, dated June 1, 1945, numbers 173354D and 173355E.

The Treasury Department has advised that these bonds were shipped, general stock, to the Pittsburgh Branch of the FRB, May 30, 1945, case, order and notice number 165, in the amount of \$13,500,000.00.

Also included was one \$1000.00 Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 321322B. The Treasury Department has advised that this bond was shipped, general stock, to the Pittsburgh Branch of the FRB on November 29, 1945, case, order and notice number 365, in the amount of \$3,000,000.00.

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Also included was one \$1000.00 Treasury 2½ percent bond of 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 205519K. The Treasury Department has advised that this bond was shipped, general stock, to the FRB of New York, November 16, 1945, case, order and notice number 190, in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

Also included was one \$5000.00 Treasury 2½ percent bond, 1967-72, dated November 15, 1945, number 164192B. The Treasury Department has advised this bond was shipped, general stock, to the FRB of New York, September 30, 1949, case, order and notice number 2017, in the amount of \$8,750,000.00.

It is suggested that the New York Office check its indices concerning [redacted] of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, and consideration be given to his interview concerning the ultimate disposition of Treasury bonds described above in connection with the cases of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, STEVE NELSON and MARCEL SCHERER.

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It is also suggested that the New York Office make inquiry at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, New York City, regarding the ultimate disposition of the \$500.00 Treasury bond described above in the case of STEVE NELSON.

Also, it is suggested that the New York Office make inquiry at the Bank of New York and Fifth Avenue, 48 Wall Street, New York, concerning the \$500.00 Treasury bond described above in connection with the case of MARCEL SCHERER. The New York Office is also requested to contact the FRB of New York concerning the disposition of the Treasury bonds described above in the case of HAROLD CHRISTOFFEL.

The Pittsburgh Office is requested to contact the Pittsburgh Branch of the FRB and ascertain the ultimate disposition of the Treasury bonds described above in the case of HAROLD CHRISTOFFEL.

The Philadelphia Office is requested to contact the FRB of Philadelphia and determine the ultimate disposition of the \$500.00 Treasury bond described in the case of PHILIP BART.

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The San Francisco Office is requested to contact the FRB in San Francisco and ascertain the disposition of the \$1000.00 Treasury bond described above in the case of PHILIP BART.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York

DATE: May 22, 1951

FROM: SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
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(Ur file 100-56579)

The following for information:

Confidential Informant C-550 advised on May 21, 1951, ROB HALL, Washington Editor of the Daily Worker, indicated to ROY WOOD, local Communist Party Chairman, that PHILIP BART would arrive in Washington, D.C. on the 11:15 P.M. Train, May 21, 1951. Purpose of trip not known.

Informant's identity should be protected.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-5881**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>MAY 22 1951</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/19;2/28;5/3,9/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH E. KELLER</b> JEK:rlm
TITLE <b>PHILIP BART, was</b> <i>100-56579*</i> <i>+ Reps.</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Records Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Criminal Division, Criminal Docket 1746-50 reflect subject on November 20, 1950, indicted (32 counts) for violation of Section 192, Title 2, United States Code. Arraigned on November 24, 1950, plea of "not guilty". Subject's bond of \$1500 posted by ROY WOOD, Chairman of local Communist Party. DAVID REIN, ABRAHAM UNGER, and JAMES P. WRIGHT represented subject as legal counsel on May 3, 1951. Defendant waived trial by jury, and was tried by Court, Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS presiding. Trial concluded same date, and subject was found "guilty" on first eight counts of indictment. Subject permitted to remain under bond pending sentence.

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**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of the Clerk's Office, Criminal Division, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, reflect under Criminal Docket Number 1746-50 the following:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> 5 - Bureau (100-3284) ③ - New York (100-56579) 3 - Philadelphia (1 - USA) 100-22157 2 - Washington Field		<i>100-56579-185</i> SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... <b>MAY 24 1951</b> NEW YORK <i>[Signature]</i>	
		<i>[Signature]</i>	

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On November 20, 1950, PHILIP BART was indicted (thirty two counts) for violation of Section 192, Title 2, United States Code. On November 24, 1950, subject was arraigned and entered plea of "not guilty". Bond of \$1500 was set. On the same date the subject's recognizance was taken, bond having been offered in the form of United States Treasury Bonds, which were received of ROY WOOD.

It is noted ROY WOOD is the current Chairman of the local Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

On December 19, 1950, DAVID REIN entered the case as one of the subject's attorneys, and on the same date motions to dismiss the indictment, and points and authorities in support thereof were filed.

On January 19, 1951, the motion to dismiss the indictment was argued and submitted.

On January 26, 1951, motions of the defendant to dismiss the indictment and for bill of particulars heretofore argued and submitted were all denied.

On February 21, 1951, a praecipe was noted withdrawing the appearance of DAVID REIN as counsel for the defendant.

On April 4, 1951, an affidavit in support of continuance was filed.

On May 3, 1951, the defendant waived his right of a trial by jury, and with the consent of the Government and the approval of the Court, the defendant's trial started. On the same date the Government elected to proceed on Counts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 10 of the indictment. The Government made an oral motion to dismiss Counts 9 and 11 through 32, and this motion was granted. A motion on May 3, 1951, was also made for judgment of acquittal which was denied. The Government then withdrew Count Number 10. On May 3, 1951, the Court rendered a verdict of "guilty" on Counts 1 through 8 of the indictment, and the subject's case was referred to the Probation Office of the Court. The defendant was permitted to remain on bond pending sentence. It is noted that Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS presided while the defendant's case was heard. Subject's attorneys were, in addition to REIN, JAMES T. WRIGHT and ABRAHAM UNGER.

The Washington Post Newspaper of May 4, 1951, published a newspaper article entitled "Court Holds BART Guilty on Contempt".

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The newspaper account advised PHILIP BART, General Manager of the New York Communist Daily Worker had been found guilty of contempt of Congress. Federal Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS convicted BART on eight contempt charges. BART, according to the newspaper article, faces a possible jail term sentence of one year and \$1000 fine. In the newspaper account Judge MATTHEWS is reported to have indicated that BART gave no good excuse for refusing to reply to the questions asked by the House Committee on Un-American Activities at a hearing conducted by that agency in June, 1950. Judge MATTHEWS ruled the Committee had a right to ask the questions, and that six of the counts on which BART was convicted dealt with queries about his original name. The newspaper article concluded, advising that BART was born in Poland and became a naturalized American after his family moved to this country when he was ten years of age.

Concerning DAVID REIN, who for a time participated in the defense of the subject, it is noted that he is associated in the practice of law with JOSEPH FORER. Both REIN and FORER have been known to furnish legal counsel to persons identified as Communists. Specifically, REIN acted as attorney of record during 1947 for GERHART EISLER, admitted German Communist, when EISLER was on trial in the District of Columbia for Passport Fraud and Contempt. He was also an attorney for NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN while these two individuals testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during August, 1948, concerning allegations by ELIZABETH BENTLEY that SILVERMASTER and ULLMANN were engaged in espionage while employed by the Federal Government.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the sentence imposed on the subject in connection with his conviction in the United States District Court on May 3, 1951, for violation of Section 192, Title 2, United States Code.

REFERENCE:

Washington Field letter dated December 13, 1950.  
Philadelphia letter to Director dated May 5, 1951.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NEW YORK 7; N.Y.

MEMO:

RE: PHILIP BART

IS SECURITY MATTER - C.

Confidential Informant  by report dated on 4/6/51

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advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Boro Hall Section, Kings Co.  
Communist Party on 1/30/51 at 77 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.Y.C.

Informant's report is in New York file #100-26603-C43-993 p5.

REMARKS

Subject, who is Business Manager of the "Daily Worker" was guest speaker. Subject reported on speeches of GUS HALL and PETTIS PERRY at the National Convention of the C.P. held on 12/28-30/50. BART stated that the greetings of the C.P. of the Soviet Union, China and many European countries were extended for the success of the Convention. BART urged that comrades continue their efforts in the current press drive and stated that subscriptions were one way of keeping the "Worker" and "Daily Worker" a legal paper. He stated that along lines of security, a wide circulation of the paper would protect its readers since, if there were only a few in a community who received "The Worker" then they could be picked out as C. P. members.

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~~June 1, 1951~~

MEMO:

RE: **COMMUNIST PARTY - U.S.A.**  
**DISTRICT # 2- NEW YORK COUNTY CP**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

On 5-13-51, Confidential Source NYC 426 made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N. Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesal Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

It will be noted that each exhibit bears the date received and the initials of S.A. W.P. Larson and S.E. A.E. Faller who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency.

For original evidence see exhibit in File# 100-28603- C42

Description of exhibit:

A handwritten list showing eight sections of New York County CP and listing the following individuals: SI GERSON; CHARLIE DOYLE; LEON NELSON; JACK PARILLA; JOHN LAVIN; HOWARD (STRETCH) JOHNSON, and PHIL BART.

cc: 100- 13473 ( Gerson)  
100- (Doyle)  
100- (Nelson)  
98- 45 (Parilla)  
100- 18677 (Johnson)  
100- 34485 (Lavin)  
100- 56579 (Bart)

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EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

HPL:DEF  
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

June 2, 1951

MEMO

RE: PHILIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On May 31, 1951 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised SE [REDACTED] that FRED FIELD (Director, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy) notified ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (Chairman, Women's Commission, CP, USA) that PHIL BART (General Manager "Daily Worker") was coming up for sentencing on Friday and plans will have to be made for bail. According to the informant, FLYNN recommended to FIELD that they should take along at least \$5,000 with them for bail.

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SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

cc: 100-1696 (E. G. FLYNN)  
100-14419 (FREDERICK V. FIELD)

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Director, FBI

June 2, 1951

SAC, Detroit

PHILLIP BART  
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(Bufile 100-3284)

Re New York letter to Director dated April 9, 1951, requesting the criminal record of the Subject be reviewed in Detroit, Michigan, and Pontiac, Michigan.

Subject arrested on July 5, 1928, on disorderly persons charge and released by Judge VAN ZELE on July 7, 1928. Arresting officers were WILLIAM DELISLE and ROY PENDERGRASS.

Sergeant [ ] Identification Bureau, Detroit Police Department, advised on May 24, 1951, that the above officers are not available at the present time to be interviewed concerning the arrest.

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Details of the arrest as written by the arresting officers are as follows:

PHILLIP BART, MORRIS FLEISCHMAN and ALFRED GOATZ are three Bolsheviks. They were arrested at Woodward and Alfred here in Detroit while making speeches. BART is from New York; FLEISCHMAN is from Cleveland, and GOATZ is from Pittsburgh. These men had a lot of Red literature which they were pasting on mailboxes, election boxes, and public buildings. They are very radical and probably have records elsewhere.

/s/ DELISLE and PENDERGRASS

Lieutenant [ ] Identification Officer, Pontiac Police Department, on May 31, 1951, made available the arrest record of PHILLIP BART which indicated he was arrested on August 14, 1929, at 2:00 a.m., charged with disturbing the peace. Arresting officers were RUDOLPH NARTKER and DAVID GILTIN (both presently Lieutenants on the Pontiac Police Force). The record indicates BART resided at 5427 4th Street, Detroit, and that he was sentenced on September 19, 1929, to \$10 or five days by Judge HARPSTER. Lieutenant [ ] stated that neither of the reporting officers were presently available for interview concerning this arrest, but the record of the arrest is written up as follows by Lieutenant NARTKER:

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Received call at approximately 12:30 p.m. concerning a man giving a lecture on Baldwin Avenue in front of Plant #5 (Pontiac Motors) located at Howard and Baldwin Avenues, Pontiac, Michigan. GILTIN and myself answered the call and picked up LEO THOMPSON, PHILLIP RAYMOND and PHILLIP BART and brought them in and charged them with disturbing the peace.

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cc: New York (100-56579)

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# **Red Paper's Boss Jailed 3 Months**

4100-56579-190

Washington, D. C., June 1 (U.P.) -- Philip Bart, general manager of the New York Communist Daily Worker, was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$500 for contempt of Congress today for defying the House Un-American Activities Committee. Federal Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews ordered Bart committed to jail immediately. Bart was convicted May 3 on eight contempt charges for refusing to answer committee questions at a hearing last June 21.

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## 'Worker' Officer Gets 3 Months For Contempt of Red Inquiry

WASHINGTON, June 1 (UP).—Philip Bart, general manager of "The Daily Worker," Communist newspaper in New York, was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$500 for contempt of Congress today for defying the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Federal Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews ordered Bart committed to jail immediately. She suggested that he apply to the United States Court of Appeals for bond.

The judge rejected a plea by Bart's attorney, James T. Wright, that she suspend sentence because the court's probation report showed Bart to be of good character and had no record of previous conviction.

Bart was convicted May 3 on eight contempt charges for refusing to answer committee questions at a hearing last June 21. During his one-day trial the government dropped twenty-four counts of an original thirty-two-count indictment after Bart raised his privilege of self-incrimination. Judge Matthews ruled that Bart

should have answered the remaining eight questions. Fifteen other Congressional witnesses have been acquitted of contempt in Federal court here this year, fourteen after they pleaded self-incrimination.

Defense attorneys claimed that the self-incrimination plea protected Bart from replying to a question about his associates when he was a Communist party organizer in the mid-1930s.

But the judge held that since Bart admitted he was a party worker, he had no right to refuse to name his associates.

Six of the counts on which Bart was convicted dealt with questions about his original name. He was born in Poland and became a naturalized American after his family moved to the United States when he was ten.

Bart claimed his name was none of the committee's business, but the judge ruled that the Congressmen had a right to force disclosure of a witness' identity.

She also held that Bart's plea of freedom of the press was not an excuse for not listing various jobs

he had held.

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Washington, June 1 (AP)—Philip Bart, 48, general manager of the Daily Worker, today was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$500 for contempt of Congress, Federal Judge Burnita S. Matthews imposed sentence after Bart was indicted for refusing to answer question put to him by the House Un - American Activities Committee.

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TO  
*J. Kearney* 80/12

# Bart Sentenced to 3 Months; Denied Bail

The Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON.—Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews on Friday sentenced Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, to three months in prison and \$500 fine for contempt of Congress, and then refused to release him on bail pending appeal. James T. Wright, Bart's attorney, immediately prepared to go before the Circuit Court of Appeals in an effort to secure his release on bail.

Judge Matthews had found Bart guilty of "contempt" of the House Un-American Committee in a brief trial here May 3. Bart was charged with 32 counts for refusing to answer questions propounded by the witchhunt committee. Recognizing the weak case it had against Bart, the Government dropped 24 of the counts. The judge ruled that in the remaining eight counts Bart had not properly claimed his privilege under the Fifth Amendment.

Bart's appearance before the House Un-Americans was in June, 1950.

When Judge Matthews pronounced sentence Friday morning, she served notice that, in contrast to the usual handling of such cases, she would not continue bail while an appeal was made to a higher court.

Bart would be required to go before the Circuit Court of Appeals in a new application for bail, she said.

A U. S. deputy marshal took Bart in custody and by noon he had been transferred to the district jail.

Wright began the preparation of the papers necessary for the application to the Circuit Court and filed them late Friday afternoon.

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June 4, 1951

MEMO

RE: PHILIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 1, 1951 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised SE [redacted] that JOHN GATES (Editor, "Daily Worker") informed ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (Chairman, Women's Commission, CP, USA) that he had just learned that PHIL BART (General Manager, "Daily Worker") had received a three month sentence. FLYNN asked GATES if BART was out on bail. GATES replied that no bail had been granted, but the matter was now before the Circuit Court of Appeals. The informant indicated that both GATES and FLYNN were pleased with the sentence given to BART.

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SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

cc: 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)  
100-17923 (JOHN GATES)  
97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")

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# BAIL FOR PHIL BART!

## An Editorial

THE BUSINESS MANAGER of this paper, Phil Bart, is now in prison in Washington, D. C.

It seems that he was "in contempt" of the House Committee on Un-American Activities which sought to turn him into an informer and stoolpigeon.

The trumped-up case of the government was so flimsy, that it dropped 24 out of the 32 counts against him. But the terror-ridden atmosphere of the witchhunts brought him a three-months prison sentence and a denial of bail pending his appeal.

The denial of bail is unusual. It shows a desire to impose political punishment. We urge public protests to Attorney General McGrath urging bail. The contempt is not with Phil Bart; it is with those who flout the democratic heritage of this nation and manipulate power to stifle political opposition to the war-mongers.

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New York, New York  
June 5, 1951

MEMO:

Re: PHILIP BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 2, 1951 Confidential Informant ND 516, of known reliability, advised SE [ ] that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (Chairman, Women's Commission, CP, USA) learned from ROB HALL (Washington correspondent of the "Daily Worker") that hearing on the bail for PHIL BART had been set for 10:00 AM on Monday, June 4th. According to the informant, BART'S wife, CONNIE BART, asked FLYNN whether another lawyer should be sent to Washington for her husband. FLYNN thought that BART'S present attorney, WRIGHT, was doing everything possible. She indicated that BART had discharged another attorney previously who had been too aggressive.

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cc - 100-12959 (CONNIE BART)  
- 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)  
- 100- (ROB HALL)  
- 97-169 ("Daily Worker")

ALFRED B. NOVAK, SA

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Director, FBI  
SAC, New York

June 5, 1951

*PH* PHILIP BART was.  
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Re Philadelphia letter 4/27/51.

Enclosed with this letter is a photostatic copy of  
the report of SA JOHN V. JACKOLSKI dated 8/2/50 at Washington,  
D. C. in captioned case.

cc: Philadelphia (100-22157) Enc.(1)

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Daily Worker Man Freed  
WASHINGTON, June 5 (UP)—  
Philip Bart, general manager of  
the Daily Worker, New York Com-  
munist newspaper, was freed on  
\$2,000 bond today pending an ap-  
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taken by the United States Court  
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# PHILIP BART RELEASED ON \$2,000 BAIL

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Philip Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker, was freed on \$2,000 bond today pending an appeal from his conviction of "contempt" of the House Un-American Committee.

Bart was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$500 last Friday. At that time, Federal Judge Sumita Shelton Matthews refused bail.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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Police Department Pontiac, Michigan	Philip Bart #2609	August 1, 1929	Molesting workmen	9-19-29 \$10 fine or 5 days imprisonment on chg of passing handbills (molesting workmen)
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	<p><b>Fingerprint Classification:</b></p> <p>16 0 25 Wr L 23 W 13</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>Color: white Sex: male Height: 5 ft 8 in Weight: 165 lbs. Complexion: med. Build: med. Hair: br. Eyes: br. Scars and marks: scar on chin; Birth: 6-28-02, Poland; New York, N.Y. Residences: in 1950, 263 Atkins St. Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1929, 5427 4th Ave. Detroit, (appears on prt #2605). in 1928, 290 Farnsworth, (appears on prt #33112.)</p> <p>The fingerprint file of this individual includes a photograph.</p> <p>Occupation: upholster</p> <p>In reply to Chicago Office letter dated 3-12-46, this record as of that time was furnished as may be identical. The Chicago Office letter showed the following caption:</p> <p>RE: PHILIP BART was. INTERNAL SECURITY - C (100-264)</p>			

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

June 7, 1951

MEMO

RE: STEVE NELSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On June 4, 1951 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised SE ROBERT E. BRODERICK that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (Chairman, Women's Commission, CP, USA) conferred on that date with MARION BACHERACH (Public Relations Director, CP, USA). FLYNN told BACHERACH that she had been busy on matters concerning STEVE (NELSON, Chairman, District No. 5, CP, USA in Pittsburgh), PHIL (BART, General Manager, "Daily Worker") and Mother (BLOOR).

FLYNN explained that STEVE NELSON had checked out of the hospital in Philadelphia on Memorial Day and the police had arrested him on an open charge of assault and battery for the accident in which he had been involved. She said that the attorney had had NELSON released until August. BACHERACH remarked that NELSON was "such an anarchist." FLYNN said that she was "fed up" with NELSON and had written a memorandum to the secretariat asking them to handle him and to tell him that under no circumstances was he to leave Philadelphia. She added that he just could not be trusted and said that she had had a consultation about him and there seemed to be a general agreement in this regard.

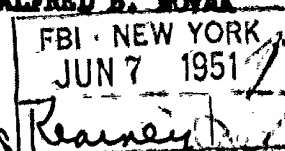
FLYNN told BACHERACH that PHIL (BART) had a hearing scheduled that morning about 10:30 and his wife had inquired whether they should secure another lawyer. FLYNN expressed herself as being satisfied with the lawyer (an attorney named WRIGHT) who had been handling BART's case, remarking that this lawyer had done very well in getting BART off with a sentence of only 3 months.

BACHERACH inquired about Mother BLOOR's condition. FLYNN said that Lem (HARRIS, Secretary, Farm Commission, CP, USA) was trying to get a woman from the mid-West who used to work for him and is currently employed in a sorority house. He said that she could come East to take care of Mother BLOOR for the whole summer.

cc: 100-1696 (E. G. FLYNN)  
100-41932 (MARION BACHERACH)  
100- (ELLA REEVE BLOOR)  
100-56579 (PHIL BART)  
100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: JUNE 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: PHIL BART  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurtel May 4, 1951.

Established sources of this office did not provide any information concerning visit of the above-captioned person to Boston, Mass., on May 4, 1951.

As a matter of general information, ND BOS TS-228 on May 8, 1951, made available the results of conversation between DANIEL BOONE SCHIRMER, Legislative Agent for CP, USA, District No. 1, and DAVE ROSENBERG, Secretary-Treasurer, CP, USA, District No. 1. At this time SCHIRMER declared he had received a letter from PHIL BART in New York. The letter stated "they" had available a two-page flyer on McGEE, price of which was \$2.50 per thousand. These flyers, according to the letter as described by SCHIRMER, were to be sent by automobile to New Haven with someone from Boston to be sent to obtain these flyers in New Haven.

As a result of information furnished by ND BOS TS-228, it was revealed that ROSENBERG issued instructions to SCHIRMER to send a telegram to BART ordering 15,000 McGEE Flyers to be sent by train to Boston.

ND BOS TS-228 revealed that SCHIRMER contacted Western Union and dispatched the following message to PHIL BART at 50 East 13th Street, New York:

"Send 15,000 MC GEE flyers by train to Boston."

(Signed) Dave Rosenberg

No other investigation is being made in this connection and it is being RUC.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

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REPORT MADE AT  NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE  6/13/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  12/16/50 - 6/1/51	REPORT MADE BY  JOHN J. KEARNEY
TITLE  PHILIP BART, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE  INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject resides at 263 Atkins Avenue, Bklyn., NY, and is General Manager of the "Daily Worker", and "The Worker". On 5/3/51, was found guilty of contempt of Congress for defying HCUA. Free on \$1,500 bail pending sentence, date not fixed. In attendance at 15th National Conventional, CP, USA, held in December, 1950.

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**DETAILS:**

On June 1, 1951, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that PHILIP BART continues to reside at 263 Atkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, with his wife CONNIE BART.

The current issues of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily newspaper, and "The Worker", the Sunday edition of this paper, of January, 1950, through May 1951, continue to list PHILIP BART as General Manager.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, on December 1, 1950, advised that BART furnished him with some background information on August 22, 1950. The informant reported that BART stated that he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Upholsterers International

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Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, in New York City, in 1926. BART said he had been active as an organizer, state Chairman, and in other leading capacities in the Communist Party, in Philadelphia, Michigan, and Ohio. The informant reported that BART told him that he had participated, in the middle 1930's, in organizing the auto workers and building their union which was the forerunner of the United Auto Workers, CIO, and for a while he was editor of its paper. BART stated that he was 48 years of age and had been active in the working class, progressive, and Communist movements for over a quarter of a century.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, stated on November 2, 1950, that on that same date BART met with BILL ALBERTSON, trade union secretary, Communist Party, District 7, and BILLY ALLAN, "Daily Worker" correspondent, to discuss the financial condition of the Michigan edition - "The Worker", and its \$8,000 debt to the "Daily Worker". The informant advised that this meeting took place in Detroit.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that on November 2, 1950, the subject had another meeting with BILLY ALLAN, and other Communist Party, District 7, members to discuss plans to improve the circulation of the Michigan edition of "The Worker", and the "Daily Worker".

Confidential Informant T-3 reported on November 3, 1950, that on that date BART met again with other leading functionaries in District 7 who were interested in the Michigan edition of "The Worker", and at that time they discussed problems connected with the circulation of the Michigan edition of the "Daily Worker", and "The Worker". The informant reported that BART presented to this group two problems for consideration, 1-The ideological campaign, and 2-The acute organizational problem.

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"The Worker", issue of December 3, 1950, page 2, column 1, contains an article reporting on "Worker Home Delivery Planned." The article states as follows:

"One of the aims of The Worker circulation drive is the development of bundle deliveries on a permanent daily and weekly basis, Phil Bart, general manager of The Worker and Daily Worker said this week.

"These deliveries to home and shops will be developed into a nationwide system, he stressed.

"Unlike other newspapers," said Bart, "our system of deliveries depend upon conscientious support from readers who will take a bundle of papers into their shops and communities on a regular basis."

"A goal of 4,500 daily and weekly deliveries is set for New York City, he stressed.

"A WORKING CLASS newspaper, Bart declared, cannot depend on the same methods used by capitalist newspapers. Experience has shown that support for the newspaper-financial and circulation-depends on conscientious readers who will through their own efforts spread the newspaper and work for the goals of peace and security which the paper advances, he asserted."

The "Daily Worker", issue of December 5, 1950, page 3, column 1, contains "An Open Letter to the Newsdealers of New York". The article states as follows:

"The following open letter was addressed yesterday by Phil Bart, general manager of the Daily Worker and The Worker, to New York newsdealers:  
"Dear Newsdealers:

"You are good Americans with a living to make. You believe in the Bill of Rights which guarantees

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"the freedom of the press. That means, you will agree, freedom to print what you oppose, as well as what you favor. We don't know what your politics are, but that's not the issue.

"The issue is America's Constitution. Begin making exceptions in one case and you end up by destroying freedom for all.

"This is why the widespread protest is rising against the illegal proposals to ban the Daily Worker and The Worker by the officials of the Newsdealers Association. Prompt opposition has come from varied groups, newspapers and unions throughout the country. The American Civil Liberties Union has already branded the ban 'as an interference with violation of the fundamental rights of the press.'

"The influential, conservative Washington Post said the same thing. 'The traditional democratic practice,' it said editorially, has been to let the public read what it wants to read 'and be its own judge.'

"The vice-president of the American Newspaper Guild of New York (CIO) has protested. So has the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Even the Daily News and the World-Telegram didn't like the idea.

"They know that if you begin with this newspaper, it can spread to any newspaper. The little white-haired woman at the meeting Sunday put it best, right out of her own experience. 'This will establish a bad precedent,' she said, 'that will hurt us all. Ban the Worker and what's next? Some of my customers already say 'Ban that Jew paper, the Post.' Others say they don't like the Compass. After a while Republicans will say ban a Democratic paper. It will end up hurting everybody and only the paper that the people in power like will be the one we can sell.' She was right.

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"That's what happens when censorship begins. Cut it any way you like, William Richter's proposals mean censorship.

"He is in a conspiracy against the Bill of Rights.

"Many newsdealers have already made their views known: they oppose this unconstitutional proposal. They say they have the right to sell any newspaper they please. They have that right.

"Richter is trying to create an atmosphere of hysteria on this matter for his own purposes. He talks now of a referendum, not only of the members of the association, but of ALL newsdealers. He seeks to ring in all the city's newsdealers into this trouble he's stirred up.

"We are certain you will agree with the Constitution, not with Richter, and the shadowy outfits he's fronting for. You agree, we are sure, with the millions in New York who say they have a right to read what they want to read."

On December 10, 1950, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that PHIL BART was elected on that date as a delegate from District 3, Communist Party, USA, to attend the 15th National Convention of the Communist Party. The informant advised that BART had been elected to attend the Convention at the request of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA.

Confidential Informants T-6, and T-7, both of known reliability, advised that the subject had been in attendance at the 15th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, which was held in New York, from December 28, 1950, to December 31, 1950.

The "Daily Worker", issue of March 14, 1951,

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page 2, column 3, contains an article, "Hails Worker Sub Gains in Midwest". The article states that the subject had just returned from a week's stay in the midwest where he discussed results of the campaign for "Daily Worker" subscriptions, with the scores of "Daily Worker" readers in several cities.

The "Daily Worker", issue of April 9, 1951, page 3, column 4, contains an item captioned "Why We Rejected Warmongering Ad." The item states as follows:

"The Daily Worker rejected the ad for Darkness at Noon because 'we do not accept advertising for war-mongering, redbaiting, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic plays,' said Bart. 'Such ads are rejected along with ads for scab made products submitted to us from time to time by companies and organizations that are on strike and are being picketed. We reserve the right to reject any advertisement which we consider harmful to the policies which we support.'

"Bart pointed out further that 'Daily Worker policy with respect to advertising is the same as that of all other papers, except we don't pretend to hide the fact that we reject ads dangerous to labor and the country. Other papers reject all kinds of ads openly, at the same time hypocritically posing as defenders of freedom of the press.'

The "New York Times", issue of May 4, 1951, contains an article concerning the conviction of PHIL BART for refusing to answer questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This article states as follows:

"WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—Philip Bart, general manager of The New York Communist Daily Worker, was found guilty today of contempt of Congress for defying the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"Federal Judge Burnita S. Matthews convicted him on eight contempt charges after the Government, during

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"the one-day trial, dropped the remaining twenty-four counts of an original thirty-two-count indictment. Bart faces a possible jail term of one year and a \$1,000 fine. He waived a jury trial.

"Judge Matthews held that the 49-year-old admitted Communist gave no good excuse for refusing to reply to questions asked by the House committee at a hearing last June. She also ruled that the committee had a right to ask the questions in its investigation into subversive activities.

"After presentation of the Government's case, Charles B. Murray, the prosecutor, abandoned the twenty-four counts on which Bart clearly raised his privilege against self-incrimination.

"Defense lawyers argued that the same self-incrimination plea protected Bart from replying to a question about who his associates were when he was a Communist party organizer in the Mid-Nineteen Thirties. However, Judge Matthews held that since Bart freely admitted that he was a party worker, he had no right to refuse to name his associates.

"Six of the counts on which Bart was convicted dealt with queries about his original name. The defendant was born in Poland and became a naturalized American after his family moved to this country when he was 10.

"Bart asserted that his name was none of the committee's business, but Judge Matthews ruled the investigators had a right to force full disclosure of a witness' identity.

"On the remaining count, Judge Matthews held that Bart's plea of freedom of the press was no excuse for not listing jobs he had held."

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The identities of the Confidential Informants appearing in the report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, dated June 13 1951, are as follows:

T-1                   HERBERT HOPKINS, Mail Carrier,  
New Lots Post Office, Brooklyn.

T-2                   ND 426, who furnished information  
to SA WESLEY T. WHALEY.

T-3                   DE 140(Detroit), who furnished  
information to SE ALLAN A. W.  
HANSEN.

T-4                   DE 264(Detroit), who furnished  
information to SE [REDACTED]  
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T-5                   [REDACTED](Philadelphia), who furnished  
information to SA JAMES E. HELMER.

T-6                   ND 610, who furnished information  
to SA RUSSELL S. GARNER.

T-7                   [REDACTED] who furnished information  
to SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the activities  
of the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN J. KEARNEY, 12/28/50,  
New York.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 100-5881

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 15 1951	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/1,4/51	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH E. KELLER JEK:MKK
TITLE PHILIP BART, was			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS on June 1, 1951, sentenced subject to imprisonment for a period of three months and to pay a fine of \$300.00. On same date, Notice of Appeal was filed. On June 5, 1951, subject was released from DC Jail on bond of \$2000.00, pending disposition of appeal.

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## DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Clerk's Office, Criminal Division Records, Criminal Case #1756-50, were checked. Those records reflected that on June 1, 1951, the subject was sentenced by Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS to imprisonment for a period of three months and to pay a fine of \$300.00.

On the same date, June 1, 1951, a Notice of Appeal was filed by the subject's attorney, JAMES T. WRIGHT. BART was committed to the District of Columbia Jail. Judge BURNITA MATTHEWS denied the subject the right of bail in connection with his appeal.

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On June 5, 1951, it was ascertained from the Clerk's Office, Criminal Division, US District Court, that the subject was released from the District of Columbia Jail on bond of \$2000.00 pending his appeal before the US Court of Appeals.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the disposition of subject's case  
before the US Court of Appeals.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOSEPH E. KELLER dated May 22, 1951.

DIRECTOR, FBI

June 25, 1951

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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Rebuletts 5/31/51 and 6/6/51 entitled, "CP, USA - BRIEF (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act), Internal Security - C." Bufile 100-3-74.

In connection with the Prosecutive Summary being prepared by Philadelphia concerning BART the offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to conduct the following investigations and furnish the information to the Philadelphia Office.

NEW YORK

Little is known of BART's early background during which time he apparently resided in New York. Accordingly, the following investigation is requested.

Will attempt to locate a court record of BART's having legally changed his name from BERAL to BART.

Will secure records of BART's education. He allegedly attended grammar school for seven years and trade school for four years. He may have studied printing and upholstering at the latter school inasmuch as he claims employment as a printer (compositor) from 1921 to 1924 and as an upholsterer from 1924 through 1928.

Will attempt to learn where BART may have been employed and when.

Will also attempt to determine the subject's addresses and early activities while in New York. His father, BENJAMIN BERAL, resided at 611 East 11th Street, when naturalized in 1920.

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CHICAGO

Will verify from records of the Telephone Company that BART had a telephone listed under the name of PHILIP STRAUSS, Graceland 11468, while residing at 1022 West Dakin Street as noted in the report of SA LEWIS M. LAMASTER, dated August 21, 1943.

Will determine the individual competent to produce in court the letter received by the Office of Civilian Defense in Chicago from BART in which he stated he was a CP organizer. This letter was furnished the Chicago Office on January 16, 1942 by the Office of Civilian Defense.

Will attempt to verify BART's alleged employment as a salesman with the Liberty Leather Finishing Company, 1616 West 14th Street in 1941 as reflected in the report of SA J. E. KELLER dated December 4, 1941.

PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, March 14, 1950, concerning BART notes that he resided at 2200 Center Street, Pittsburgh in 1932.

Pittsburgh will verify this residence and determine BART's activities while in Pittsburgh.

All offices will provide legally admissible sources for all information secured and should answer promptly.

DETROIT

BART's Identification Record reflects his arrest July 5, 1928 as a disorderly person by the Detroit Police Department, #33112, disposition - discharged; and his arrest on August 14, 1929 by the Pontiac, Michigan Police Department, #2605 for distributing handbills and molesting workmen. The latter charge was disposed of on September 19, 1929 when BART was given a choice of a \$10.00 fine or five days in jail.

Complete information concerning the above arrests should be secured from the Police Departments concerned as well as the identities of the officers competent to produce the records.

BART's address according to the prints received from the Pontiac Police Department was 5427 Fourth Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Detroit will ascertain all residences and occupations of BART while residing in the territory of that office and will determine any other activities he may have engaged in.

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It should be noted that on August 22, 1950 BART advised a New York Confidential Informant that he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Upholsterers International Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, in New York City, in 1926. BART said he had been active as an Organizer, State Chairman, and in other leading capacities in the Communist Party, in Philadelphia, Michigan, and Ohio. The informant reported that BART told him that he had participated in the middle 1930's in organizing the auto workers and building their union which was the forerunner of the United Auto Workers, CIO, and for awhile he was Editor of its paper.



Director, FBI

June 15, 1951

SAC, Philadelphia

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Rebuletts 5/31 and 6/6/51 to SAC, New York, entitled CP, USA -Brief (Prosecution of Additional CP Functionaries under Smith Act).

The Philadelphia Office will consider itself the office of prosecution on the above case and will prepare a prosecutive summary report, according to instructions in re lets, covering BART's CP activities up to November 15, 1949 when he was transferred to New York.

The New York Office is requested to prepare a similar report covering BART's CP activities in its District from November 15, 1949 to the present.

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On June 20, 1951 Confidential Informant ND-516, of known reliability, advised SA [redacted] that ROE HALL (Washington correspondent for the "Daily Worker") requested REA ZURANSKY (Assistant Bookkeeper at National CP Headquarters) to ask the "Daily Worker" to put the teletype machine in operation as he had been unable to contact the "Daily Worker" direct. He also asked for instructions (as a result of the arrests of the Communist leaders that morning). The informant also reported that PHIL BART (General Manager "Daily Worker") was in Washington on that date and had not heard about the arrests.

SA ALFRED B. NOVAK

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Reference is made to the summary dated 4/24/51, entitled "THE LENIN SCHOOL, aka THE LENIN INSTITUTE, THE INTERNATIONAL LENIN INSTITUTE, THE INTERNATIONAL LENIN SCHOOL," and the list entitled, "Individuals Reported to Have Attended the Lenin School," both of which were enclosed with SAC letter #60, dated 6/16/51.

It is noted that the name of PHIL BART is included on the list as having attended the school in 1930 (?). The source of this information is listed as [redacted]

No previous information appears in the files of the Philadelphia Office indicating that BART attended the Lenin School, although he is known to have written the Office of Civilian Defense in Chicago, Ill., a letter, which that agency furnished to the Chicago Office on 1/16/42, in which, among other things, he claimed experience in demolition work.

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The Bureau is requested to attempt to determine if the PHIL BART named in the above list is identical with the subject and the circumstances under which [redacted] furnished the information that PHIL BART had attended the Lenin School in approximately 1930.

This information is of importance in connection with prosecutive summary reports presently being prepared on BART, which must be prepared before July 15, 1951.

It is therefore requested that this matter be given expedite attention.

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